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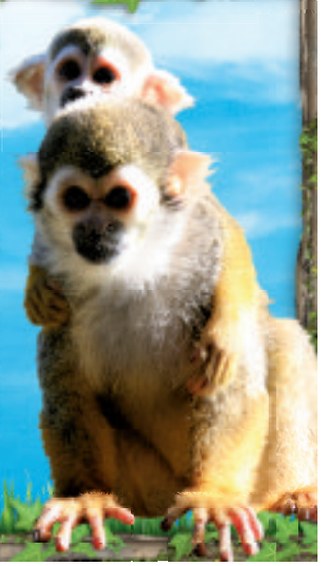

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Sword alert: Police outside Willen Primary School

Machine gun cops in sword manhunt

BY DAN PALMER
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ARMED police launched a search around Willen Lake after reports of a man clutching a sword near a primary school.

Officers with machine guns and dogs were dispatched and the force's helicopter circled overhead as the drama began to unfold yesterday afternoon.

A massive manhunt kicked into gear after police received calls from two members of the public at 11.57am, and they eventually traced the man to his home address on Beaufort Drive, Willen, more than an hour later at 1.20pm.

Police raided the property, which is just metres from Willen Primary School, and arrested the man on suspicion of possessing an offensive weapon.

Nearby, people enjoying the recent spell of warm weather by the lake suddenly found that they were mingling with officers who were completing a full circuit of the area.

Several police cars, vans and motorcycles attended Beaufort Road and initially cordoned off the area.

MK NEWS understands that switched-on members of staff at the school and the Willen Village Surgery raised the alarm.

Police insisted no members of the public were at risk despite the need for such extreme measures.

Passer-by Alex Moore, from Willen, told MK NEWS of his shock at witnessing the scenes in a usually quiet area.

He said: "I think he caused a fair bit of panic, the place was swarming with police and some were carrying guns."

A parent of a pupil at the school, who did not wish to be named, spoke of her relief that nobody had been hurt.

"Thank goodness the alarm was raised quickly," she said. "If any kids saw it I think they would have been terrified."

A police spokesman said: "Police were called after two reports of a man who was walking down the road with an ornamental sword on Beaufort Drive in Willen.

"The man was not waving the sword around or threatening anyone with it and officers do not believe members of the public were in any danger from the man.

"Officers remained on the scene to offer reassurance to any residents in the area and anyone with any concerns could approach them to discuss the matter."

Milton Keynes Council declined to comment on the school's behalf.

85 jobs lost as nightclub closes

CLUBBERS in Milton Keynes will be forced to party elsewhere after Oceana has announced it is to close with immediate effect.

Luminar, the city-based nightclub operator, confirmed yesterday that the Milton Keynes club would cease trading at the Xscape complex, resulting in the loss of 85 jobs.

The company fought to keep Oceana open but when prolonged negotiations with the venue landlords broke down Oceana had no choice but to shut its doors.

Stephen Lynn, from Luminar, said: "We would like to thank the team at Oceana for all their hard work and dedication, as well as the clubbers of Milton Keynes & Buckinghamshire for helping create some truly memorable nights."

End of an era: Oceana, which has now closed

When it opened in 2002, Oceana in Milton Keynes was the first of what became a chain of 13 Oceana clubs around the country.

The club boasts a capacity of 2,200 and originally cost £6 million to build, undergoing a £2.5m refit in 2008.

Having hosted performances by world famous acts such as Example, Katy B and DJ Fresh and with an appearance from Tim Westwood planned next month it was with 'regret and disappointment' that Luminar broke the news.

However, Mr Lynn assured clubbers that this legal decision does not affect any other Luminar venue in the East Midlands area.

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Knight of the realm! Royal title for first aider

A FIRST aider from Olney has been recognised for her 41-year-long voluntary career by being invested as an officer in the Order of St John.

The honour was bestowed on Elizabeth Knight earlier this month in the order's historic 12th century Priory Church in Clerkenwell, London. The title recognises Elizabeth's service with St John Ambulance, one of the key foundations of the Order of St John, and is a Royal Order of Chivalry approved by The Queen.

Order chairman for England Rodney Green, who presented her with the title, said: "Elizabeth has shown dedication to helping St John Ambulance's life-saving work.

"She has been promoted in the Order of St John in recognition of her dedication and the contribution she has made."

The Order of St John is one of the world's oldest charities, and traces its origins back 900 years.

Election rivals wheel out their 'big hitters'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE local elections campaign started in earnest this week as three high-profile politicians visited the city.

On May 3, a third of the 51 seats at Milton Keynes Council will be up for election, and results could change the political make-up of the council dramatically as the Conservatives currently have only a four-seat lead over their Lib Dem counterparts.

Labour currently hold nine seats, but are ahead in many national opinion polls and are hoping for a number of gains around the city.

So, with work on the doorstep already in full swing, the parties are pulling out their big guns to gain every possible advantage.

Visiting the National Association of Gifted Children and speaking to University of Central Milton Keynes journalism students yesterday, former Foreign Secretary David Miliband said Milton Keynes is key to the national picture for Labour.

"We are going to fight the local elections here because we want to build here," he said. "Many people want to take revenge on the Lib Dems, and many people want to vote against the Tories.

"People will only vote Labour if we are active and engaging.

"If Labour can't win in Milton Keynes, it's not going to be the Government."

On Thursday, Conservative party co-chairman Sayeeda Warsi visited Bletchley Conservative Club to launch their campaign.

Tory council leader Andrew Geary thinks they have delivered on the 'tough' agenda they set when taking over at the council last year, and said they need to be aware of the current national picture.

He said: "There's no end of things in national politics that could affect local campaigns, and we have to be very aware it could affect the local picture.

"We have to get out there and tell people how we are doing locally."

The Liberal Democrats visited the Old Wolverton Materials Recycling Facility with MEP Catherine Bearder, as she is campaigning to ensure recycling is being dealt with properly. This ties in with the local Lib Dem campaign on environmental issues.

Group leader Sam Crooks said: "People are beginning to notice litter is getting worse, graffiti is coming back, the grass is being cut less often.

"It's surprising how many people say this place is going back to how it used to be."

The party also wants to make sure vulnerable people are protected in the recession.

Meanwhile, the Green Party's candidates have launched their campaign by signing a voluntary pledge to keep their campaign clean, and have challenged candidates of other parties to join them.

Denbigh Green councillor Liz Campbell said: "This doesn't mean that there will be no disagreements between parties, but that we should concentrate upon the issues, not mudslinging and personal attacks."

Liberal Democrat candidates and activists with Catherine Bearder, MEP for South East Euro Region

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi visits Bletchley Conservative Club

David Miliband and Andrew Pakes with students and lecturers from UCMK and business associates at the launch of Labour's local election campaign

Centre bosses tell Easter shoppers to 'get lost'

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Do it yourself - a sign of the times

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A GOOD Samaritan got so fed up of seeing dirty roadsigns that he decided to take action and clean them himself.

Warren O'Sullivan took the drastic action last week on seven directional road signs on some of the city's grid roads - and may now even have started a new community movement.

The 38-year-old said: "I've driven past these signs for about three years, wondering how difficult it is for someone to get them cleaned.

"I spoke to the council, thinking I might be able to get some work, but they said they didn't have the budget. I dropped my price, but they said they didn't have the money.

"So I thought 'sod it all' and just went out and cleaned them, to make a statement and show that it can be done.

"It took me three hours to clean seven large signs - how can you not budget for one man, a brush, a pole?"

Since he posted photos of his exploits on social networking site Facebook, dozens of people have got in touch to congratulate him on his work, and he now hopes more will be inspired to take their own actions.

Warren, from Broughton, added: "I call it 'wholesome behaviour' - if everyone did a little thing it would make the big picture a lot better.

"There's a lot of people that want to make a difference and make a change."

Although the council said there is a limited budget for sign cleaning, it developed some schemes and changes over the past 12 months that it hopes will make 'a big difference in the future.

A spokesman said: "Among these changes will be Neighbourhood Weeks of Action where partners, and communities come together to claim back their streets and open spaces and give them a clean."

Its changes also include clean ups involving local communities, probation services and local businesses, and targeted clean ups involving the council's 'fix it team' and the probation services painting the underpasses, railing and mending broken signs and name plates in the city in initial trials on the city centre and a few local targeted areas.

Cleaning up: Warren O'Sullivan in action. Photos by Will Humphries

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Murderer gets life in jail

THE murderer of a former friend and work colleague has been sentenced to life in jail - and will serve a minimum of 20 years. Last Wednesday Suresh Nahar, 32, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, was handed the sentence after being found guilty the day before of murdering David Law at his home in Litchfield Down, Walnut Tree, in September last year after he stabbed him to death.

Casino venue decision

A VENUE for the city's large casino is set to be decided at a licensing sub committee on Thursday.There are three bidders competing for the licence including a development at Xscape, a new-build casino next to stadiummk, by Pete Winkelman's Inter MK, and another at the Leisure Plaza next to Central Milton Keynes railway station.

Peeping Tom sentenced

A VOYEUR caught spying on a man in a public toilets in Albert Street Bletchley was given a community order at Milton Keynes Magistrates on Friday. Ian Bates, 31, of Mellish Court, Bletchley, committed the offence in September last year.

Woman killed in lorry crash

TRAFFIC came to a standstill after a woman was killed in a collision with a lorry on the M1 yesterday.

The female pedestrian was involved in the incident on the southbound carriageway of the M1 near Newport Pagnell services, causing delays between junction 14 and 15.

Thames Valley Police closed the carriageway while they dealt with the aftermath of the crash.

The northbound carriageway was also temporarily closed to allow the air ambulance to land but was reopened after the woman was taken away.

A spokesman for Thames valley Police confirmed the woman had been pronounced dead but it is not known how she came to be on the road.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "Junction 15 of the M1 was closed to southbound traffic to allow Thames Valley police to deal with a serious road traffic collision, which occurred near Newport Pagnell services.

"The Highways Agency attended the scene at 10.52 on Tuesday morning to set up diversions."

Trial date set for Manning case

A MAN accused of murdering teenager Rachel Manning 11 years ago will now not stand trial until January 2013.

Rachel, 18, went missing after going to a 1960s-themed fancy dress party in December 2000.

Two days later her body was found dumped at Woburn Golf Club in Milton Keynes.

Her boyfriend Barri White was acquitted of the murder in 2008 after spending six years in jail.

Last year Shahidul Ahmed, 40, was charged with murder following a reinvestigation.

Mr Ahmed, of Chestnut Crescent, Bletchley, was due to stand trial at Luton Crown Court on October 29 this year.

But Mr Justice Fulford QC, sitting at the Old Bailey in London, agreed to put the case back to January 14, 2013, following an application by the defence.

Mr Ahmed appeared in court by video link from HMP Woodhill prison during the short administrative hearing.

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There's plenty of history and culture to be proud of

SIR - I could not believe my eyes reading the letter from your unnamed correspondent describing Milton Keynes as having 'no culture' (Decision was fair and the right thing to do, MK NEWS, March 21).

We have a wonderful theatre which offers a diverse programme to suit all tastes on the cultural spectrum. There was a Milton Keynes City Orchestra concert there last Sunday evening, the Welsh National Opera are performing three totally different operas during the rest of this week and next week there is live comedy drama in the form of Yes, Prime Minister.

From the pages of your MK LIFE section I can see a choice of stand-up comedy, Gilbert and Sullivan, an Indian Dance Festival, film screenings at MK Gallery, an OU Choir Concert, folk music in Stony Stratford, plus live music at the Woughton Centre to name but a few local events - all pretty diverse in nature - and I haven't even mentioned cinema offerings, small specialist groups and music at the City Centre Church which don't necessarily feature in the newspaper.

No culture - where has your correspondent NOT been looking?

Furthermore, the letter comments on the city having 'no history'.

Perhaps your correspondent hasn't found time to read the two volumes, A History of Milton Keynes and District, written by the late Labour MP Sir Frank Markham, or any of the more modern books about the city's development.

Maybe if they did they might realise that Milton Keynes is far older than many think and has a lot more to offer than they realise.

Maybe people shouldn't criticise it for a lack of culture, history and diversity before first doing some research.

J. Brinsmead
Sent by e-mail

We can't be a city with the state of our roads

SIR - Milton Keynes for city status? I don't think so, not with third-world roads.

The roads in this city are disgraceful to say the least, and the people who repair them must be making a huge profit as the place I travel daily has a few potholes and some have been filled twice since Christmas.

The one I call Harry needs to be filled again, and opposite him on the same corner, Fred will soon be as bad. I have to say, pothole George is standing up at this moment. Around the corner in Japonica Lane there are another two potholes and I have named them number one and number two. They have never been filled in because no-one will own up to who is responsible.

They are opposite each other an number one is at leat five inches deep - if any car should get into one they will lose and axle if driving at speed. This is a small portion of what is happening at present all over MK, and I as a motorist think it is disgusting.

The council has made millions from parking, fines and other offences paid by motorists, and here we are driving on third-world roads.

R Timlin,
Willen Park
For more comments on city status, see Letters extra on page 12.

Why in a modern era are we left back in time?

SIR - After recently moving back to MK for a number of years, I have noticed besides the increase of the number of people living here and buildings, a number of things that haven't been changed, such as bus stops, street lighting, broken redways, paths.

There are no security cameras on and around the redway and more so under the underpasses - I feel these would allow women, children and all people to feel safer about going under the underpasses.

As well as the above I have noticed that housing has not improved much. On a daily basis I visit friends and I see a lot of the council homes are in such a state, with rotting windows, decades old bathrooms and kitchens. One of my friends even has mushrooms growing in their bathroom because of leaks before they moved in.

I took a visit to one of my friends who lives in Aylesbury this week, and I was gobsmacked - council places are in a great up-to-date condition, all the bus stops are new, modern, comfortable for the disabled and elderly.

I also took a walk to some of their parks - their benches were also nice and new, no cracks or wearing of the path. It just seemed so great.

I am just curious as to why, as a 'modern city', we are still left back in time?

Mark Richardson
Sent by e-mail

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SIR - With regards to your article Revamp petition for troubled flats (MK NEWS, March 21). I don't understand why, if there are council tenants, the building is not being maintained. Also, if the flats are privately owned why a service charge is not already in place? Also, how many people on the Lakes Estate have acess to a computer that will allow them to complete a petition - does not really lend itself to meeting the best needs of the community.
Claire Hales

SIR - Why bother? There's too many people that live here that don't look after what they have now. My neighbour has been in his flat less then a year and he has ruined it. It can be redeveloped etc but give it five years and it will be just as bad as it is now.
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Jon Brett's City Life

His fortnightly column written exclusively for MK NEWS

MILTON Keynes in Spring – there's nothing quite like it.

Even the drabbest housing estate somehow comes to life in the sunshine as people come out of hibernation and exchange neighbourly pleasantries over the fence.

Of course the reality isn't always quite like that and very often a few cans of alcohol in the garden and a barbecue later, and people aren't quite so neighbourly!

But that's not how the town planners saw it. With their idealistic plans and artists impressions, everyone got on just fine and all the estates were thoughtfully designed with communal spaces and play parks.

In those sketches, however, the kids didn't bother anyone, the binge drinking is out of sight and the litter is put neatly in the bins.

However, as I walked around Furzton Lake last Sunday morning there was no sign of anti-social behaviour. In fact, quite the opposite. Families picnicking, dog walkers walking, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and this man-made lake provided the perfect spring-setting for a great day out.

Which is why it made it so galling we missed out on the latest round of towns granted city status. It has been said many times before that Milton Keynes is a city in all but status, and one day it will be officially recognised.

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Art mirroring life: Mark Lancaster MP with Graham Seed and Michael Simkins of MK Theatre show Yes, Prime Minister

MP says: "Yes, Prime Minister"

ONE of the city's MPs had an exclusive meeting with the Prime Minister in the city yesterday - but it was nothing to do with politics.

It was a case of art mirroring life at MK Theatre, as Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster met stage actor and former Archers star Graham Seed, who plays Prime Minister Jim Hacker in Yes, Prime Minister.

The show, an adaptation of the classic BBC TV series, is currently touring the country following two sell-out West End seasons.

The original writers of the television show have reunited for this anniversary production, which also stars Michael Simkins as Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby.

For a review of the show, see www.mk-news.co.uk.

OAPs targeted in a spate of burglaries

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PENSIONERS as old as 95 have been targeted in a series of burglaries which police believe may be linked.

In three out of the four incidents the victims were at home when the offenders broke in, and in the most serious case £1,000 cash was stolen from a 95-year-old woman.

The first happened between 10pm on Saturday and 2.05am on Sunday, when £100 cash and a black purse were stolen from inside a flat in Woodhouse Court, Stantonbury Fields.

The second burglary took place around 6pm on Sunday when the victim, an 85-year-old woman, was watching TV in her house in Broad Street, Newport Pagnell.

The burglar entered her bedroom and said he was looking for his grandad. He then walked off and was confronted by the victim in the living room and told to leave the house which he did.

The pensioner then checked her rooms to discover the offender had searched the house, but nothing was stolen.

The third incident took place on Monday between 2am and 2.30am in Falaise Nook, Bolbeck Park when a 94-year-old woman was targeted.

The offender climbed through a bedroom window and after a while was confronted by the victim, who was returning from the bathroom.

The offender said he was in the wrong flat and left out of the front door. He stole £20 in cash and a red purse.

The final burglary took place again on Monday at around 6.15pm when a 95-year-old woman was targeted in Knowles Green, Bletchley. The victim was at home when two men entered through an insecure door.

One of them held the door shut to prevent the woman from leaving, while the other offender searched the property and unplugged the community alarm.

They stole a black handbag containing £1,000 in cash and left.

The first offender is a white man, in his late 20s to early 30s, around 5ft 8ins and of a slim to medium build.

He was clean shaven, with short black hair and was wearing a light grey hooded top and trousers.

The second offender is a white man and was wearing a light grey hooded top and trousers.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact DS Darnell via the new non-emergency number 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Firemen raise £1,915

FIREFIGHTERS managed to raise £1,915 in three charity car washes at fire stations on Saturday.

The events were held at Bletchley, Broughton and Great Holm, and money raised will go to The Fire Fighters Charity.

Mile for Harry's memory

JESSICA Mould, the twin sister of five-year-old Harry who died in 2009, joined more than 100 other children in walking a mile at the weekend in Old Wolverton in his memory, and for the charity Harry's Rainbow which was set up by his parents to help raise awareness of the support network for bereaved children.

Debris found in canal

TEN tonnes of debris were pulled out of the ten-mile city stretch of the Grand Union Canal at the weekend.

The bi-annual canal clean-up through Milton Keynes was carried out by the city branch of the Inland Waterways Association (IWA), working in partnership with British Waterways (BW) and sponsored by the Wyvern Shipping Co Ltd.

Despite the seemingly large haul, the IWA said it found less thrown-in rubbish than in previous cleans.

It added that it is good to see MK residents are becoming more aware of the need to look after the canal.

Around 40 people, including those from the Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Scout Troops took part in the clean up over Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

IWA members' boats towed 70-foot and 40-foot workboats supplied by British Waterways, while the volunteers dragged multiple grappling hooks from the workboats.

They also loaded all the rubbish collected by bankside grapplers and litter collectors.

Volunteers collected a large quantity of tins, bottles, paper, cartons, plastic bags and bagged dog mess from alongside the canal.

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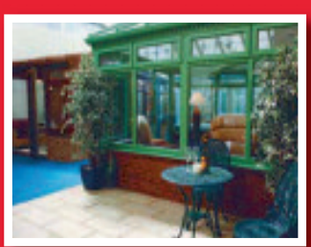

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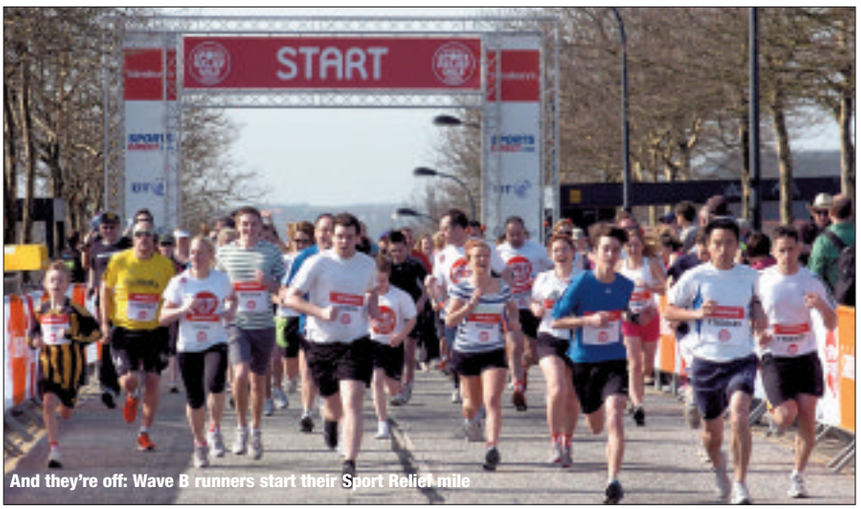

And they're off: Wave B runners start their Sport Relief mile

Thousands join in Sport Relief Mile

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE Mario brothers, Spiderman, Superwoman, a banana, an MP, an Olympic silver medallist, Pucky the MK Lightning mascot and a lot of people wearing tutus were among some of the 2,600 people running for Sport Relief on Sunday.

Across the country around one million people took to the streets for the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, and Milton Keynes was chosen as one of the 'flagship' events.

And the weather couldn't have been any better, as thousands took part in either one, three or six mile runs throughout the day.

Steve Tearle, 49, from Newport Pagnell, and two friends from the Milton Keynes Sub Aqua Club, decided to do the run in full scuba gear - minus the flippers.

Steve said: "The tank weighs 22 kilos, but I'm cheating a bit as it's not filled with air - it would weigh another three kilos otherwise."

Other participants on the day included the entire Bletchley Ladies Rugby Club, just hours before they were due to play against Rugby Lionesses.

Captain Beth Peters said: "It was a team effort. We went at the slowest person's pace so we crossed the line together in 13 minutes."

Celebrities sounded the starting claxon of each race, and took part themselves. Josh Bennett, star of Channel 4's Seven Dwarves, started one of the races and tackled three miles himself, former England cricketer Claire Taylor took on six miles, and badminton world champion Gail Emms finished one mile in around six minutes.

She said: "It's been great to see so many costumes people and costumes today. It's a lot of effort to do it in a costume, so I'm always in awe of people who decide to do it like that."

For more pictures, see pages 8 and 9.

Taking part: The Mario Brothers take part three-legged, *left*, and all ages got involved in the event, *right*

Keep on running: Honey Monster strides past All photos by Andy Handley
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Event's helping good causes

ALTHOUGH such a great day was had by all, it's important to remember that it's all for good causes - and some right here in Milton Keynes.

Seventy seven applications have been received from groups around the city for Community Cash £50,000 of grants up to £1,000, to be decided in April.

Bart Gamber of MK Community Foundation said: "A really good variety of projects have applied this year. Fundraisers will be able to see the results of their hard work with projects here in Milton Keynes."

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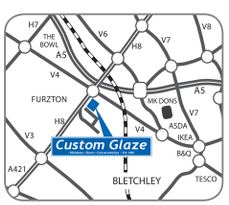

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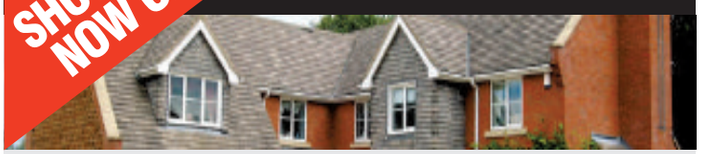

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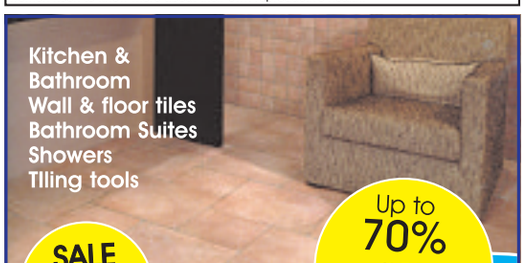

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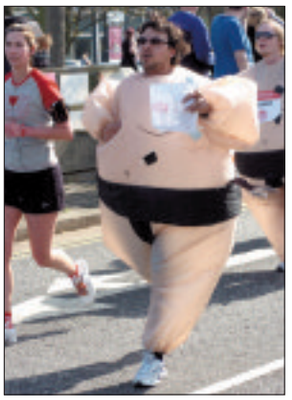

Running: People dressed up in all manner of costumes for the event

Tackling the event: The Bletchley Ladies rugby team during their mile

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Being happy is key for Margaret, 101

A NATURE lover with a positive outlook on life has celebrated her 101st birthday.

Margaret Sharp, who lives at Caton House Nursing Home in Epsom Grove, Bletchley, turned 101 last Tuesday and marked her special day with a birthday dinner and a gentle afternoon bird watching at the home.

Margaret *(pictured)* said her secret to reaching such a wonderful age is 'being happy with what you have got'.

She added: "I have many happy memories to look back on."

Plea to save skate ramp

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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SKATERS are fighting to save their half-pipe after residents complained that it is causing unacceptable disruptions.

Residents contacted the council claiming the ramp, which was put up in the play area behind Heronsgate School three weeks ago, has caused large numbers of youths to congregate in the area and noise disruptions which carry on past midnight.

An online petition has now been posted on the Milton Keynes Council website in retaliation.

Joe Reynolds, 16, of Hindemith Gardens, asked Liberal Democrat councillor Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa to post the online submission which has been signed by 25 people.

The St Paul's student said: "Closing the ramp will cause more problems than its worth because we won't have any facilities to use so we'll just go onto the street."

Cllr Tamagnini-Barbosa said: "The half-pipe isn't just valued by the youth of Walnut Tree but also by those in surrounding estates.

"There is no other facility of its kind in the area."

However, Conservative councillor Lee Barney understands why residents have expressed concerns.

He said: "We've received a number of complaints and understandably so. This decision was made without consulting residents.

"I'm looking into the issue but I'm tempted to side with the residents."

The community council has granted permission for a fully fledged skate park but a location has yet to be decided.

Labour councillor Nigel Long said: "I think we need to find some common ground between the residents and the children. I would be happy to act as an independent referee."

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Giving people more to have a go at us with

SIR - With regards to your article Bid launched to get a garden city name (MK NEWS, March 21).

Don't be daft. Welwyn Garden City and Letchworth Garden City are called so because they were built under the Garden City movement of its day - which MK wasn't.

Not only that, but it just gives people another stick to beat us with - "oh, you can't be a real city so you just change your name, ha ha ha" etc.

David Aldred

Let's make MK a safer, nicer place

SIR - Why is everybody so fixated on MK becoming a city?

Will it make MK a better place to live if we get city status? No.

There are plenty of cities all around the world that are awful so their 'city status' is virtually worthless.

Why don't councillors, petitioners and do-gooders out there actually do some good and make MK a safer, nicer place to live instead of focusing on something that actually takes very little long-term effort.

I would suggest tackling the crime in MK with a secondary focus going towards the level of unemployment and benefit claimants. Any takers?

Name and address supplied

Petition call to bring about name change

SIR - To hell with the competition and getting the Queen to sign off, we should get 1,000 names on a petition of MK residents to declare ourselves a city.

City status carries zero actual weight. If the monarch is too busy, we the democratic populace of MK can affect the change without requiring any consent from an un-elected monarch.

Oliver Sawtell

Why the rush when things are ticking on?

SIR - What's with the rush to jump the queue and get city status before other well deserved towns?

Letchworth and Welwyn were both designed as part of the garden city movement before World War II, made to have equal proportions of residences, industry and agriculture.

Milton Keynes is a landscaped 'new town' from the late 60s equal distances from London, Birmingham, Leicester, Oxford and Cambridge.

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Everything is ticking along nicely as planned so why even consider being sly pretending to be a garden city when we are not?

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I'm the first born generation from this post-WWII New Town of Milton Keynes - and proud of it too.

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We're not close to being a garden city

SIR - Is this a joke? Milton Keynes is not anything close to a garden city.

The majority of the buildings are hideous and box like with very little or no aesthetic beauty.

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Unusual dress is hot off the press

Design: Jaimi Warner with her work

BY DAN PALMER
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A CREATIVE school pupil has come up with an ingenious new way of using the city's favourite newspaper.

Ten-year-old Jaimi Warner has designed a dress which certainly looks the part – as it's been made with copies of MK NEWS.

The youngster, who attends Chestnuts Primary School in Bletchley, painstakingly put the unusual garment together over a two-hour period.

It features the MK NEWS masthead around the belt and an advert for the city's football club MK Dons makes up the strap.

Jaimi even created a flower using our pages whch has been attached to the front of the dress.

The creation came about as part of a project at the Buckingham Road school, which saw pupils challenged to make creations out of things which are usually thrown away and recycled after use.

School deputy head Becky Skillings said that staff did not expect to see any dresses and were left shocked by Jaimi's effort.

She said: "The aim of the project was to get the pupils to think about recycling and the things they throw away from home.

"We were overwhelmed by the dress which is very impressive, we were blown away.

"I couldn't have made it."

Paper was a popular choice of material and other pupils in the class made toys and games.

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Parents petition to save Doreen's class

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PETITION and campaign has been set up to try to keep a swimming instructor teaching in one town.

Parents and other people who are furious at a decision which could mean 75-year-old Doreen Adcock can no longer teach at Leon School and Sports College's swimming pool in Bletchley have set up the campaigns.

From September, the school has said swimming classes will be taught by its own specialist staff, reducing opportunities for others to hire the pool.

Currently Doreen, who has been teaching swimming in the area since 1974 and has taught generations of the same family, voluntarily holds her weekly Quest classes for £2.

She said: "I don't think this is fair. Our children love it and we look after them very, very well."

A lot of the children in Doreen's classes have some kind of disability, such as Sandra Bald's daughter Alexandra who has Down's Syndrome. Mrs Bald said without Doreen's Quest classes, she doesn't think her daughter would have learned to swim.

Doreen Adcock, whose classes at Leon School's pool may have to end

She said: "What's really made a big difference is the amount of money she charges. I'm gutted and just really disappointed."

An online petition has been set up to try to save the club, and a Facebook group called Save Doreen Adcock's Swimming Lessons has also been created and has almost 500 members.

Leon School said: "Leon School and Sports College are continually investing in their facilities, many for dual use with the community. We have spent a lot of money recently refurbishing the pool with plans for further changing room development.

"From September 2012 the 'Learn to Swim' classes will be taught by our own specialist staff in a safer environment, thus meeting demand by providing even more swimming classes for all of Milton Keynes. As a result of this business decision, opportunities for hiring the pool by other users will be reduced."

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Preparing for festival

A FULL-SIZE 30-foot-long Chinese dragon boat made an appearance inside Midsummer Place shopping centre on Saturday to showcase the 11th annual Dragon Boat Festival at Willen Lake on Sunday, June 24.

The festival, organised by Gable Events, has fast become the largest dragon boat event in the country, and is all in aid of Willen Hospice.

Having a go: A youngster tries drumming on the dragon boat display inside Midsummer Place on Saturday

£3m bus funding is just the ticket

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THE bus service in the city has received a £3million boost.

On Monday, it was announced Milton Keynes Council would be receiving £2.87million of Government funding in two separate grants.

It won £2.23m from the £70m Better Bus Area fund, and will be using this to expand the real-time passenger information systems to include audio-visual information on buses, to help people with disabilities use the bus network and provide web and mobile access.

This money will also help to develop smart ticketing and deliver personalised travel planning packs, including bus information to 33,000 households living near the 2, 4, 5 and 300 bus services and to 10,000 employees in key employment areas on these routes.

The council will now also provide better signs and information to help passengers who use several bus routes more easily make their connections, and will set up signposts within at least three estates to tell people where the nearest bus stop is on adjacent grid roads.

A plan to bring eco-buses to city roads also received a boost, with £640,000 being granted from the Government's Green Bus Fund.

Although the project is in its early stages and extra funding is needed, it is hoped electric buses will be ready to carry passengers in 18 months.

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Tony to ride 2,012 miles for Olympics

Huge challenge: Tony Priest

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WHAT are you doing to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic Games?

Maybe you have been inspired to get fit and take up a new sport, or perhaps you are just organising a party or a barbecue.

But company director Tony Priest is going the extra 2,012 miles and cycling all the way from the Olympic stadium in Athens to its counterpart in London.

Tony, 51, from Milton Keynes Village, said: "I'm really quite nervous about the whole thing, mainly because of the distance.

"If it was 500 miles I would probably be sitting here, quietly confident about it.

"My wife thinks I'm mad - she fully supports it, but she does think it's mad.

"I think she will be very happy when I get back in one piece."

To accomplish the daring feat, Tony will have to cycle between 60 and 65 miles on average per day for more than a month, with only three rest days.

And it promises not to be a bike ride in the park - when he sets off on April 30, he will be facing average Greek temperatures of higher than 20 degrees centigrade.

He also has the daunting prospect of a climbing and riding through the alps - all the while continuing to cycle around 60 miles per day if he hopes to achieve his goal of arriving home on June 2.

He added: "I've done a couple of bike rides before - in 2007 I cycled across Death Valley in America, and in 2009 I rode from Vietnam to Cambodia - but these were cycling as a larger group. I'm doing this one on my own.

"I just thought, with the focus on the Olympics and on 2012, out of interest I Googled the distance between Athens and London and it came out as almost 2,000 miles - once I get lost a few times that will be 2,012 miles."

But Tony is not completely crazy, as he is doing it for two very good city causes.

He is hoping to raise £12,000 to be split between Willen Hospice, and MK Community Foundation.

If you would like to sponsor Tony, or keep track of his mammoth bike ride, see www.2012challenge.org.

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MK EDUCATION

UK-wide first for Hazeley

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SCHOOLS right across the country will be vying to achieve a new accreditation after a successful pilot in Milton Keynes.

And Hazeley Academy can now proudly boast to be the first secondary school in the UK to gain a School4Life accreditation.

The award recognises a school's commitment to the health and wellbeing of all students and staff.

After Milton Keynes Council became the first authority to join the scheme, last month Hazeley secured the accreditation through work it was already doing with its children.

Becky Mayles, a PE teacher and the director of well being at the school, said: "This is about making sure students are healthy and happy in school, and the impact that has on their learning and their whole attitude to life.

"It's about getting the kids involved, looking at their own physical and mental well being. We also look at the curriculum, and where in lessons we cover aspects of well being. I felt very proud when we started looking at this and go the accreditation, because the thing that was absolutely amazing was what we were already doing as a school.

Health focus: Amber Jannetta, PE teacher Becky Mayles, Susan Bettis, Callum Bowler and Keira Hamilton

"It was just a case of getting evidence of what we do, rather than looking at what we needed to do.

"For example, our life skills lessons are effective at teaching students about things such as sex education, drugs and alcohol.

"Also, as a part of our Return to Learn programme, those students who have a bit of a tough time have extra support in school - we have a few young carers who get things like outside agencies offered to them."

Now the school has the initial accreditation, the next step for them is to begin the following the Schools4Life STELa Framework, whereby behavioural and health challenges, such as levels of exercise, are identified, targeted and acted upon.

Hazeley will now focus on weight and obesity levels under this framework, doing so by working with the students, families, and everyone else associated with the school.

Well being is paramount

THE values underpinning the Schools4Life initiative sit well with our own at The Hazeley Academy. Ensuring the well being of students is absolutely central to what we are about.

We have created a Well Being Faculty, bringing together subject areas which includes life skills, PE & sport, health & social care and hospitality & catering. This diverse team work together to not only deliver excellent provision in their own subjects but also to address larger cross-curricular themes to ensure that our young people go into the adult world with optimum health: emotionally resilient, socially adept, financially capable and acutely aware of the importance of maintaining physical fitness. We also put an emphasis on the next generation (re)-learning the lost art of cooking fresh, healthy meals and hosting socially; a challenge to the fast-food and rising obesity crisis facing our young. Schools4Life is fundamentally about making the right choices; we support their mission with a vengeance.

Mark Bennison - Academy Head

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Author gives school talk

AWARD-WINNING children's author Sophie McKenzie dropped in to Lord Grey School on March 16 to tie-in with World Book Day on March 1.The writer of the Medusa Project series address year eight students to tell them how she gets her ideas, and how often you can get your story rejected before a publisher finally takes a chance.

Queen replies to letters

CHILDREN in class two at Lavendon School, near Olney, have been having a right royal time writing letters to The Queen to congratulate her on the Diamond Jubilee. On March 1 they got a reply to their work from Buckingham Palace, as The Queen thanked them for their kind letters.

Tom designs winning tile

THIRTEEN-year-old Tom Brown from The Radcliffe School has been presented with a winning waymarker tile by MP Mark Lancaster. Tom won a competition to design the tiles, to be placed around the Iron Trunk Aqueduct on the Grand Union Canal, to highlight new walking trails in celebration of its bicentenary.

75 pupils in Mad House

TALENTED students at The Milton Keynes Academy wowed audiences with their dance showcase The Mad House last week. Around 75 children across all year groups performed dance routines to appreciative audiences at the Leadenhall school, in the show about two lost travellers who ended up in a crazy house where each room was very different.

MK College to offer degrees

MILTON Keynes College has advanced the cause for a university in the city after winning Government funding to offer almost 150 degree places.

The college says this demonstrates the Government recognises there is a need and demand for university courses in the city.

Principal Dr Julie Mills said: "The increased range of HE courses we will now be able to offer will have enormous benefits for students in and around Milton Keynes who wish to continue to live and work in the area while still being able to study towards degree level qualifications.

"This is wonderful news and is largely due to the high quality of teaching offered by our staff."

MK College is one of only 65 out of more than 400 to be given this stamp of approval from the Higher Education Funding Council.

Four flautists flaunt talents

Headteacher Rod Hudson with the four award-winning flautists

AN OUTSTANDING performance by some pupils at Falconhurst School, in Eaglestone, recently netted them top prize at a woodwind festival.

Year six pupils Caitlin Russell, Jakeesan Kirubatharan, Sharuhy Shantakumar and Zoe Hobbs won a Gold Award at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone festival on March 14, which included 33 ensembles from schools in MK.

Headteacher Rod Hudson said: "We are so proud of our four flautists. This is the first time Falconhurst School has won the Gold Award and we hope it will inspire other young musicians."

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New film Jake's not

Action: Director Jason Impey gets a close up in the filming of Jake with actor/writer Wade Radford sitting and actor Zac Ockenden

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PRODUCTION is underway for the latest feature film to be made in the city.

And although it's not quite Superman IV: The Quest for Peace - which famously (or not) featured Central Milton Keynes railway station posing as the United Nations building - Jake promises to showcase the city to a wide audience.

Having already filmed in locations including Planet Ice, The Point and The White Hart in Sherington, Milton Keynes-based writer Wade Radford is hoping the film will show off the best of the city.

"All the crew are from Milton Keynes," he said. "Being a new city, places like London have already been done in film a million times, so it's good to have a different setting.

"We wanted it set here because I've grown up here, and we wanted to bring the film to life here.

"The other interesting thing about Milton Keynes is we have some very well-off areas, and then a couple of miles down the road are deprived areas - it's a real mixed bag, and we wanted to show that in the film too."

Jake is described as a powerful story about lives behind closed doors and people that become involved in situations much darker than anyone could imagine.

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faint-hearted, as the film tackles issues including domestic violence, drug abuse, anti-social behaviour and mental health problems.

"There's literally nothing that's left behind in this film," said Wade. "Jake involves more controversial things than the average film.

"And we are not really holding back with the characters.

"But we are giving people a voice - in every street will be someone living this kind of life, there are millions of people going through these issues in the country."

So as well as showcasing the city - Wade hopes Jake will be shown at film festivals later in the year as well as at public and private screenings - the film will tackle hard-hitting issues, and help to raise money for charities dealing with some of those problems featured, including MIND.

Wade added: "Our proceeds from our opening night will go to MIND, but we will look to support other charities dealing with the issues addressed in the film."

Jake will be released later in the year - for updates see www.facebook.com/jakefilm2012 or follow them on www.twitter.com/jakefilm2012.

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Cash given to get clock tower fixed

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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AN ICONIC clock tower is being restored after securing emergency funding from the council.

The work on Castlethorpe First School, North Street, is due to be completed in a couple of weeks and the school is delighted that the tower will return to its former glory.

Headteacher Julie Baldwin said: "The tower is very important, it is part our history. For both the village and the school it's a landmark."

After inspection by architect Richard Petty the tower was deemed to be 'structurally flawed' as a result of a number of poor repair jobs carried out by the council.

The school was built in 1891 and Mr Perry explained that losing the tower would have been devastating.

He said: "Losing the tower would be like losing a leg. "It's nice to give it another hundred years kick."

Not only will the work increase the longevity of the tower it also means that for the first time in years the bell will ring.

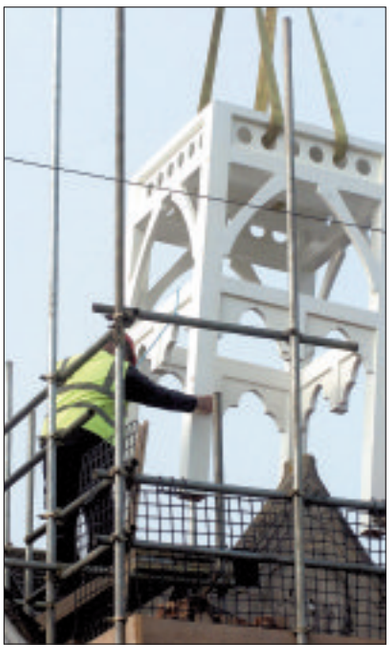
It was thought that the work would cost £15,000 but when the spire was inspected it was discovered to be worm ridden and so has to be replaced. The school is now looking for an additional £5,000 funding.

A council spokesman said: "We have been working with Castlethorpe School to carry out essential maintenance to the bell tower which is a local landmark.

"We are continuing to work with them and invited them to submit a bid to us for any further essential maintenance that might be needed to restore the tower."

Mr Petty said that if the council cannot fund the additional work a donation from a kindhearted resident who would like to see the tower used as a memorial to a loved one would be ideal.

He said: "A memorial would be in keeping with the Victorian style."



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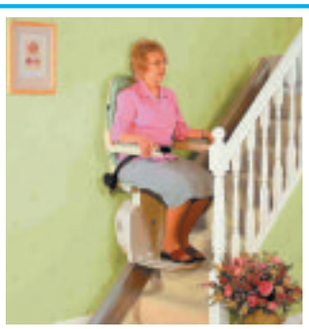

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Big meet shows off growth group

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE body tasked with developing the economy of the region held a huge showcase event on Thursday.

The South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) invited hundreds of business and public sector delegates to its Getting Down to Business conference at stadiummk.

Around 350 people enjoyed talks from a number of key people, including chairman Dr Ann Limb and a panel with MP Iain Stewart, as well as almost 50 exhibitors and seven workshops.

The organisation has been set up to co-ordinate the work of businesses, local authorities and other public organisations such as universities, to ensure the economy of the south east midlands region continues to grow.

Dr Limb said: "The conference was to present SEMLEP, but to present us with a clear plan.

"SEMLEP is a very clear vehicle to help businesses and local authorities achieve their growth goals."

The day was organised to launch its Plan for Growth April 2012 to March 2013.

Dr Limb said that SEMLEP works in an area that makes sense economically, comprising Milton Keynes, Northampton, Bedford and Luton, rather than being based on political boundaries, and it is in this area that it aims to help the private sector to grow.

Showcase: Dame Julia Cleverdon speaks at the event

Also speaking on the day was Tom Bolton from Centre for Cities, the urban policy think-tank.

He said Milton Keynes has an important role to play in the economic development of the area.

"Milton Keynes can do a lot because it is a high-growth city and has a strong economy in relation to other places in the UK," he said.

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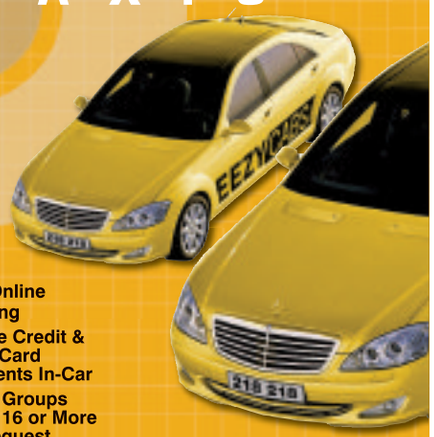

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Mum to tackle run to aid sight charity

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A MOTHER of two is going the extra mile to raise money for people with sight loss.

Jane Shakell, 49, from Edgecote in Great Holm, lost sight in her left eye two years ago, just a few months after completing the London Marathon.

Now she is putting her concerns to one side and tackling the run once more to raise money for Fight for Sight.

When she suffered from a detached retina she was told she might never get her sight back but after a successful operation her vision has now been fully restored.

She said: "I'm really nervous about running the marathon again in case the same thing happens, but I just want to show that you can after something like this."

Fight for Sight is a UK based charity dedicated to funding pioneering research to prevent sight loss and treat eye disease.

Miss Shakell feared she would never run again but is now putting her best foot forward to raise £3,000 for the charity.

Michele Acton, chief executive of Fight for Sight, said: "Sadly, for many people retinal detachment can lead to partial or complete loss of sight.

"Fight for Sight is currently funding vital research into the treatment of retinal detachment, and through Jane's incredible fundraising efforts, we hope to help many more people at risk of losing their vision."

To raise money Miss Shackell is putting her skills as a personal trainer and aerobics instructor to good use by holding fundraising Barre Concept Workout classes

Miss Shakell said: "Celebrities like Madonna do the classes which are a mix of Pilates and ballet and I'm the first instructor in the city to qualify."

Classes are being held at 3 and 4pm, March 31, at Hazeley Academy and cost £5. To book call 07758 225201 or e-mail janeshackell1@hotmail.co.uk.

To support Jane see www.justgiving.com/JaneShackell-FightforSight.

Another runner is Jane Youell, a psychologist from Newport Pagnell, who is fundraising for The National Autistic Society. See http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JaneYouell.

Best foot forward: Jane Shakell

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Disability charity has new service

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A DISABILITY charity has become one of the first in the UK to offer a new innovative advice and support service.

Milton Keynes Centre for Integrated Living (MKCIL), along with four other charity partners, has won a three-year contract from Milton Keynes Council to provide the service, called MK CIL Choice & Support.

It is run by volunteers who have personal experience of living with a disability and focuses on helping people to plan ways of improving quality of life, and to understand council procedures.

The service is aimed at people who already receive, or who may be eligible for, adult social care from the council. This includes people who are physically disabled, have a sensory impairment, learning disability, communication disorder, mental health issues, long-term condition, dementia, or older people.

It can also support family members and carers, including parents of children with a disability.

Geoff Saunders, chairman of MKCIL's board of trustees, said: "The trustees of MKCIL are delighted to have secured this exciting contract which will enable us to build on the important work we already do in supporting and empowering disabled people."

Peter Duncombe and Jane Lloyd at the MK Centre for Intergrated Living

MKCIL Choice & Support has also taken over the service that previously came from Direct Payments Support. This includes advice, information and payroll support for disabled people who want to employ their own personal assistant rather than pay an agency or the council for care.

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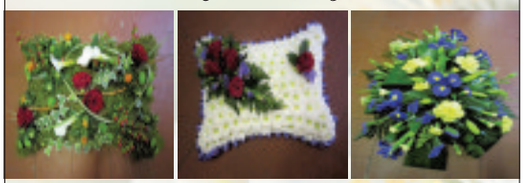

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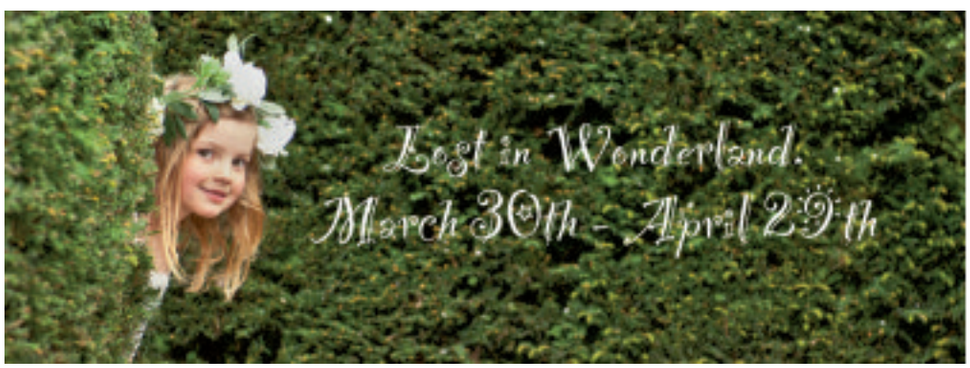

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Plan B

AS A State Of The Nation address, Plan B couldn't really have hit the nail harder on the head if he'd dropped a building on it.

This is a million miles away from the soulful sounds (and in fact, the singing) that appeared on his last album, but given the subject matter it really had to be.

Instead, we've got anger, abandonment, alienation, prejudice and current affairs, all wrapped up into a song that has a tune as furious and unhappy as its lyrics.

Thing is, I've probably made this out to sound like it's grim and unlistenable, but really it's the other way round.

Plan B's got things to say about Britain and he's managed to channel his thoughts into a stream of controlled anger that plays up to and then deconstructs the stereotypes that the media (especially the tabloids) are currently perpetuating.

Such is his anger, there are swear words sprinkled throughout the song, but given the tone of the proceedings I'd say that if anything, the song would've suffered if they weren't there.

I could take or leave Plan B's previous efforts, but this is genuinely astonishing stuff - in a good way.

You see, when you write a song that discusses the world we live in, you've got to do it very, very carefully.

Go too far one way and the end result sounds like something that would only matter to the songwriter - you might as well sing about how awful it is that the council are compulsorily purchasing 20 acres of land on your estate, because for most people this is something they could never hope to experience.

In other words, you'd sound irrelevant.

Go too far the other way though, and you're embarking upon a crusade and only you can save the planet.

Michael Jackson's Earth Song is a good example of that.

Noble intentions, but the finished song sounded like a joke missing its punchline - again, irrelevant.

The tricky bit is to get your song right in the middle between those two extremes.

Plan B's been there, he's seen it and because of that he's come up with something that his fans can relate to.

This is also a song about Britain in general, there's something here that almost everyone can relate to on some level.

I do like songs that have something to say, but this is superbly done.

THE STABLES 01908 280800

VIRGIL & THE ACCELERATORS WITH SPECIAL GUEST MITCH LADDIE

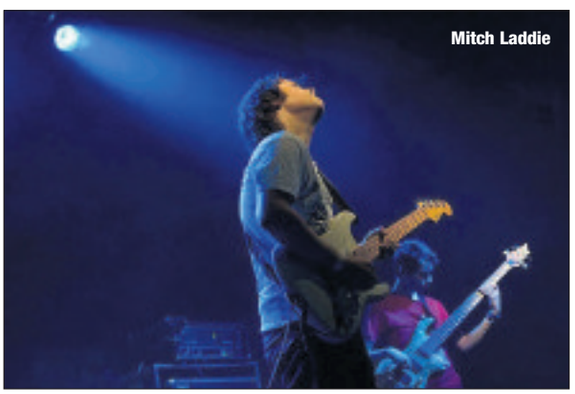
Tuesday, 8pm

THIS incredible power trio, who burst onto the scene in early 2009, released their stunning album The Radium the year after.

Virgil McMahon is one of the finest young players to come out of the UK for many years, with scorching solos and soulful vocals.

Likened to a young Cream, on stage they appear almost telepathic, delivering a set that will take you to the very edge of the blues rock spectrum.

They are joined by blues sensation Mitch Laddie.

Mitch combines elements of jazz, funk and pop along with the blues to create a sound that's uniquely his own.

Mitch Laddie

Mitch Laddie's career can be traced back to the old showbiz saying 'break a leg' because that's exactly how it all started for him.

Forced to spend time in hospital at the age of 12 he whiled away the hours learning to play guitar as his father would bring him in a new piece on each visit.

Now 21, he released his second album Burning Bridges this week.

CRAUFURD ARMS

JUAN ZELADA

Tomorrow, 7.30pm

UPBEAT and self-effacing Juan Zelada can't wait to be back in Milton Keynes, performing on the second date of his first tour #goodtimestour.

And in fact, he's so confident you will have a good time at his show that he guarantees it - or your money back.

He said: "The next tour could be called the #I'mbroketour.

"But this tour we don't have much to lose, except a couple of bob, and we are just trying to be as humble and sincere as we can about it.

"The idea is about getting new people to come to our show, to get ourselves noticed a bit more, and to guarantee people a good time.

"Otherwise we 100 per cent guarantee to give people their money back."

Juan has only recently signed his first record deal, and released his first self-penned album, High Ceilings & Collarbones, in January.

Hard to pigeonhole, his sound has been described as similar to that of Paolo Nutini, Jack Johnson and David Gray, and he already has huge support from BBC Radio 2 which a-listed his debut single Breakfast In Spitalfields, and gave it Record Of The Week, where it remained on the playlist for five weeks.

Now he is bringing his six-piece to The Craufurd Arms tomorrow night, so make sure to take him up on his offer, and see if you are wanting your money back by the end of the show.

Tickets are £5 from www.juanzelada.com/shows.

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MK THEATRE 0844 8717652

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Tuesday-Sunday, April 3-8

NEARLY as old as the Bible itself, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns for another week at Milton Keynes Theatre.

First performed on a cold winter afternoon on March 1, 1968 at the Old Assembly Hall, Hammersmith, and accompanied by the school orchestra and conducted by Alan Doggett, the performance was only 15 minutes long.

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice then went on to write Jesus Christ Superstar. It was this successful production that enabled the pair to continue and the story of Joseph to grow.

In 1973 in the Albany Theatre, London, Gary Bond became the first Joseph but it was not until 1991 when Jason Donavan took the role, for two years at the London Palladium, that the world sat up and noticed.

Although Joseph has been performed by both professional and amateur companies all over the world and by thousands of schools, this is the first professional production to incorporate the children's choir as an integral part of the production.

West End performer Keith Jack, who finished runner-up in Any Dream Will Do, the BBC's Saturday night search to find a leading man, takes on the title role in this production.

Retelling the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours, this magical musical is full of unforgettable songs including Any Dream Will Do, Close Every Door To Me and One More Angel.

COMPETITION

JUST like in Joseph's colourful coat we have an amazing prize for four lucky readers.

We are offering four sets of family tickets (two adults and two children) for next Tuesday's opening night at Milton Keynes Theatre.

The stage will be turned into a riot of fabulous colour as you hear those timeless Rice and Lloyd Webber numbers.

To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this simple question.

What kind of dream will do in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat's most famous song?

a) Another b) Active c) Any.

Send your answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or email competitions @mk-news.co.uk. **The closing date for entries is noon on Friday** and the winners will be notified. The editor's decision is final.

Please note, tickets are only available for Tuesday, April 3.

STANTONBURY THEATRE

WIZARD OF OZ

Monday, April 2, 2.30pm

THIS iconic story needs little introduction.

Follow the adventures of young Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz.

She meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tinman and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City in search of the Wizard of Oz.

After the defeat of the wicked witch, the friends are given more than they originally requested, but, will Dorothy ever get back home to Kansas?

Adapted from the original story, this show, with all new songs, gives the chance for everyone to take part.

During the light-hearted half hour rehearsal some children are chosen and rehearse for their parts, while the rest of the audience is taught the choruses of four songs.

During the interval the actors and children are given costumes and rehearse their additional parts before everyone has great fun taking part in a delightful hour long family show.

It is family theatre at its very best. Tickets cost £8.50 for adults, £6.50 for children and £26 for a family. They are available from the box office on 01908 324422, or www.stantonbury.org.uk. Suitable for ages four and over.

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHTS

Live Music Morviscous + Orion Arm + Tout

Thursday, 6.45pm, free

TRESTLE records are dedicated to putting out new instrumental music ranging from electronic to classical and pop to musique concrete.

Three bands from their label are on show in this week's Scratch Night.

Morviscous are described as progressive or experimental rock. The only real constant thread in Morviscous' music is the attempt to create something that questions where it has come from and where it is going.

Orion Arm, is a two-piece spaz-jazz-prog-math band based in Milton Keynes.

Tout are a London-based guitar three piece. Their highly atmospheric instrumental and interweaving guitars are accompanied by drums and viola in the creation of cinematic soundscapes.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM

Three Penny Opera

Friday, 6.30pm

SELECTED by current exhibitor Daria Martin this 1931 brings the sly melodies of composer Kurt Weill and the daring of dramatist Bertolt Brecht together.

Set in the impoverished back alleys of Victorian London, The Threepenny Opera follows underworld antihero Mackie Messer (aka Mack the Knife) as he tries to woo Polly Peachum and elude the authorities.

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Tickets £23.50, £25

Thursday 29 March, 8pm
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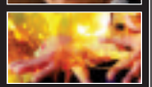

Sunday 1 April, 8pm
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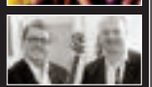

Tuesday 3April, 8pm
VIRGIL & THE ACCELERATORS
Likened to a young Cream, this band delivers a set that takes you to the edge of the blues-rock spectrum. Be prepared!
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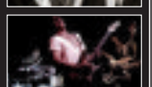

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FILM REVIEW

PIRATES! IN AN ADVENTURE WITH SCIENTISTS

Synopsis: Animated adventure from the makers of Wallace and Gromit
Who's in it: Hugh Grant, Lenny Henry, Brendan Gleeson

NOW here's a swashbuckling model-animated adventure for Easter from the creators of the much-loved Wallace and Gromit.

Hugh Grant voices a pirate captain who along with his crew sets out to beat their rivals in the annual Pirate of the Year contest.

Now Hugh's pirate is very much the underdog in this little competition and his crew are a strange and hapless bunch to say the least.

But that just makes them more loveable – most of us enjoy rooting for characters when the odds are heavily stacked against them and here the scales enormously disfavour our heroes.

How on earth, for example, can they bag more booty than the successful likes of Peg Leg Hastings (Lenny Henry), Cutlass Liz (Salma Hayek) and Black Bellamy (Jeremy Piven)?

Things don't start well with a fruitless search of the high seas but then their luck turns when they run into Charles Darwin (David Tennant) who can perhaps help to sail the crew's stricken ship back on course.

There's still pirate-hating Queen Victoria (Imelda Staunton) to avoid though if they are going to win the contest organised by the Pirate King (the appropriately cast Brian Blessed).

These days there are plenty of animated films aimed at the little ones and it can be hard for new titles to stand out in such a congested market.

But Pirates! In an adventure with scientists – which has been based on Gideon Defoe's books – has every chance of becoming a kids favourite.

It should be made clear that this is very much a film for children of a certain age – the U certificate tells you all you need to know there – but there may just be a few adults lurking in the cinema enjoying something of a guilty pleasure.

It's a film which is nicely animated and superbly voiced and if you're not even mildly amused by the constant buffoonery of the gang then you probably have a heart of stone.

This could be an absolute godsend for parents of bored kids during the Easter holidays.

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HILTON STADIUMMK

RED CARD COMEDY CLUB

Doors 7.30pm for 8.45pm start

THIS popular comedy club will roll into the city again this week for its usual last Friday of the month slot.

Performing on the night are Pierre Hollins, a hugely talented, and experienced comedy maestro whose unique brand of comedy rock and roll is sure to entertain.

Expect to see him wield an 'electric squash racket' and dance about the stage with absurd guitar posturing.

Jess Fostekew is known for her pacey story-telling, intelligent observation and good old fashioned jokes which get all the laughter out into the air where it belongs.

Also on the bill is Matt Welcome whose experience shines through his set 'like a floodlight with a charismatic and confident air unmatched by almost any other stand-up working the circuit' according to critics.

Silky, a comedian, musician, writer and one of the most sought-after hosts in the UK, completes the line-up.

Tickets are £12 in advance or £13 on the door, and group discounts are available. Visit www.redcardcomedyclub.com or call 01908 364184 to book. Bar food can be served to your reserved table until 9.30pm.

CITY LIMITS

THE COMEDY CLUB MK

Tomorrow, doors 7.30pm for 8.30pm

FORMER Hollyoaks and Casualty actor James Redmond, *pictured*, is your host comedian for this night of entertainment at City Limits.

He is a dry, slick and subtle stand up who delivers unexpected twists and turns during his set, so he is much more than just an actor and model.

Opening the show is Special P, also known as Peter Frederick.

Said to have a god given gift for making people laugh, Special P knew from within that he was destined to become a comic actor.

He began working on his goal part time and for two years he learnt about comedy, watched other artists perform and used

stage time to fulfil his aim.

Headlining is Stefano Paolini who has been hailed as one of Britain's youngest and brightest new impressionist comedians.

At the Edinburgh Fringe 2001 he was runner-up in Channel 4's 'So You Think You're Funny' competition and the following year in 2002, he was awarded the runner up accolade in the BBC New Comedy Awards.

Stefano speaks fluent Italian and can also mimic a variety of animal and musical sounds, including a wicked beatbox.

On television he featured regularly on The Ralph Little Show (BBC3) and voiced a variety of personalities including, Tony Blair on Double Take (BBC2). He has also guested on the Jo Whiley Show (BBC Radio 1) and LBC.

Tickets are £14.95, including a basket meal.

Book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/citylimitscomedy.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

CRASH at Oceana at the Xscape. One lucky clubber will win £1,000 every week. Get asked three questions; give three right answers and you win, it's that simple. For more details and tickets visit www.oceanaclubs.com/milton-keynes.

BOULE in Bancroft Park, 2pm. New players welcome. For more details call 01908 319663 (Bancroft Park Petanque Club). Also on Sunday at 11am.

FRIDAY

NEDED some chill out time after a busy week? Yoga relaxation and stretch at St Michael's Church, OU Campus, 6-7.30pm. For more information call 01908 218915 or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

FARMERS' market, Market Square, Stony Stratford. Fanstastic local produce, 8am to 2pm.

SATURDAY

MK RAMBLERS. Meet 10am at Hartwell Village Hall, School Lane (GR SP788504). An 11-mile circular via Piddington and Salcey Forest. More details from 01908 516162.

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CHAMPION sounds, The Buszy. Live bands on the main stage, DJs in the lounge. Costs £15 on the door, £10 in advance, 8pm-4am. Visit www.championsounds.co.uk for more details.

SUNDAY

MK Ramblers North Bucks Way - Part 3 (final). Meet at 8am at the Windmill Pub car park (GR SP887355) Caldecotte Lake. A 15-mile linear walk from Waddesdon to Dunsmore. Half empty cars essential. More details from 07743 133858.

FRIENDSHIP group two for one breakfast at Dobbies. Starts at 10.30am. Contact Rosemary on 01908 311377 for more details.

MONDAY

PUB quiz. Pit your whits while raising money for Willen Hospice at The Barge in Woolstones. Teams of as many as you like, £1 per head, starts 9pm.

TUESDAY

BOULE in Bancroft Park, 2pm. New players welcome. For more details call 01908 319663 (Bancroft Park Petanque Club).

WEDNESDAY

BLETCHLEY College Courtside Dance Studio. Junior Street 5-6.15pm, Teen Street 6.15-7.30pm, Ladies Street 7.45-9pm. More details available at www.desperate2dance.com.

OPEN Film Society, Vincere. Mussolini met his first wife, Ida Dalser, she becomes his lover, bears his child and nearly bankrupts herself in supporting him. It is only because of her generosity that he can start the Fascist movement. Old Lecture Theatre, OU. Showings at 6.15 and 8.45pm. For more details visit www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

YOGA meditation, chanting and relaxation at Portfields Community Centre, Newport Pagnell, 8-9pm. More information from 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.com

BLETCHLEY PARK

EASTER fun comes to Bletchley Park with Family Fun Wednesdays on the April 4 and 11.

There will also be the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Easter Monday (April 9).

Designed especially for children from the age of four upwards, Family Fun Wednesdays feature a range of activities, including crafts, spy workshops, lessons in how to send Morse code, interactive displays about the role of pigeons during World War Two and specially-created children's guided tours.

Also, for the first time, they will include the Children's Cinema Club.

Children will be invited to see classic 1940s-1960s children's film reels in the World War II Enigma Cinema, reminiscent of the Saturday morning clubs that many a parent or grandparent will remember.

On Easter Monday, there will be a traditional Easter Egg Trail around the park, with lots of chocolatey prizes to be won.

Everyone who completes the trail will also be entered into Bletchley Park's prize draw with the chance of winning a special Easter surprise.

Children of all ages will want to join the Hunt the Chick Trail in the Toy Museum, where chicks will be hidden among a huge range of 1940s and 1950s toys and household items; a real trip down memory lane for parents and grandparents.

There will also be a hands-on workshop, where the children will learn how to make an Easter-themed moving toy.

Bletchley Park's play area will once again be open, along with the giant chess board and, as always, a full children's menu will be available in the cafe.

Children's activities run from noon to 4pm.

The Easter egg trail and Family Fun Wednesday trails run between 10am and 4pm.

With Bletchley Park's annual season ticket, you only have to pay for your first visit.

The cost of tickets is £12 for adults, £10 for people aged 60 and over and students with ID, £6 for children aged 12 to 16 years old and under 12 go free.

A family ticket for two adults, and two children costs £26.

Anyone who would like more information can contact 01908 640404, or log onto www.bletchleypark.org.uk.

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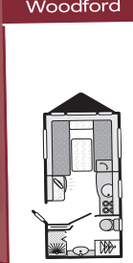
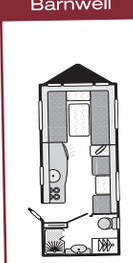
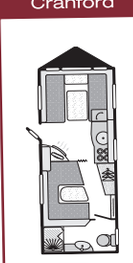
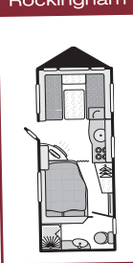
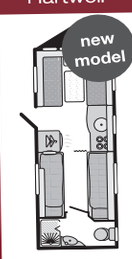
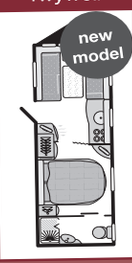
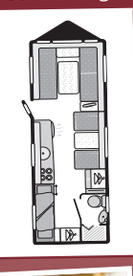
				 new model	 new model	

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Calvert

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If your current property is worth less than £300,000 you could part exchange to this lovely home.

The interior of The Chelworth more than lives up to the impressive front aspect. From the moment you step into the spacious hall you'll notice high specification finishes throughout.

Downstairs is a separate living room, cloakroom and a study, ideal for working from home.

A stylish kitchen with breakfast and family areas opens directly onto the rear garden, as does the adjoining dining room.

A separate utility room gives you ample space to hide the pots and pans while you're entertaining.

Upstairs, four double bedrooms provide a relaxing retreat.

The master bedroom has its own en-suite and fitted wardrobes and there is a further family bathroom.

The Steeples is on the edge of Calvert in a village location that's perfect if you're a commuter.

For more information about this property, on the market for £428,995, visit David Wilson Homes at www.dwh.co.uk or call 0844 811 44 77.

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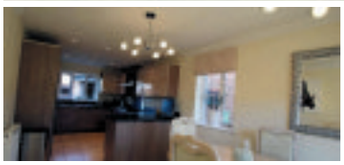

Monkston Park

A beautifully presented six bedroom detached residence situated in Monkston Park. The 'McCann' built home boasts a high quality finish.

£388,995

- Six Bedrooms
- Utility and Cloakroom
- Master Ensuite
- Double Glazing
- Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

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Loughton

An extremely well presented four bedroom detached property situated in a cul-de-sac in the highly sought after area of Loughton.

£350,000

- Well Presented
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Separate Receptions
- En Suite To Master

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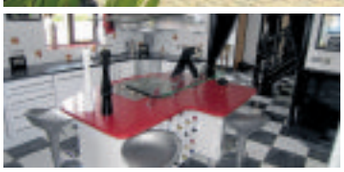

Furzton

This exclusive detached property is set on a generous private plot in the highly sought after area of Furzton on Bilbrook Lane. The property is finished to the absolute highest order to include under floor heating.

£795,000

- Exclusive Detached
- Generous private Plot
- Underfloor heating
- Double Garage
- Views across Furzton Lake
- Feature Atrium style Frontage

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Loughton

A detached executive residence situated in a tucked away spot within the sought after Loughton development, within walking distance to central Milton Keynes main line train station.

O.I.E.O. £550,000

- Well Presented
- Cul De Sac Location
- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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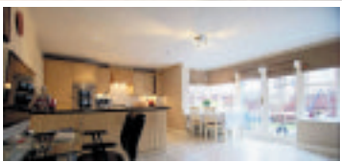

Monkston Park

This superb five bedroom detached executive home is situated in an attractive cul de sac in the highly regarded area of Monkston Park.

£395,000

- Superb Five Bedroom
- Executive Detached Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Beautiful Kitchen/Family Room
- En Suite To Master
- Double Garage

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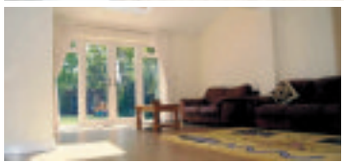

Bletchley

This stunning detached executive residence with self contained annexe, with its own front and rear access, is situated on a large plot in a popular cul-de-sac in Bletchley.

£460,000

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Self Contained Annexe
- Cul De Sac Location
- Own Front and Rear Access
- Large Rear Garden
- Viewing Highly Recommended

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Aspley Guise

Situated in the popular village of Aspley Guise this four bedroom detached property sits on a plot of approximately 1/4 of an acre.

£580,000

- Popular village
- Four bedroom
- Detached property
- Approximately 1/4 of an acre
- Detached two bedroom annex
- Two storey detached barn

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£350,000

- Detached
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family room
- Study
- Kitchen/breakfast room

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Walnut Tree

A small cul de sac of only four, four bedroom executive detached homes recently built, situated in the sought after area of Walnut Tree.

£475,000

- Four Bedrooms executive detached
- Two en-suites
- Driveway with Double Garage
- Farmhouse style kitchen with granite surfaces
- Great location
- High Specification finish

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Stunning Landscaped Gardens

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- Terraced
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Off road parking

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Emerson Valley £242,500
- Much improved
- Three Bed Detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Three Receptions
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens & Driveway

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Two Mile Ash £122,000
- 80% Shared Ownership
- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden

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Sheley Church End £34,500
- 30% Shared Ownership
- £5000 Premium
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- One Bedroom
- Lounge
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Oldbrook £58,000
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- Apartment
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- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Balcony
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- Close proximity to CMK Train Line
- Underfloor heating
- Double glazing
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Westcroft £249,500
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

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Bradwell Common £185,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Separate Reception Rooms
- En-suite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking and Garage

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Broughton £224,500
- Spacious
- Three Bedroom
- Link-detached
- Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Car Port

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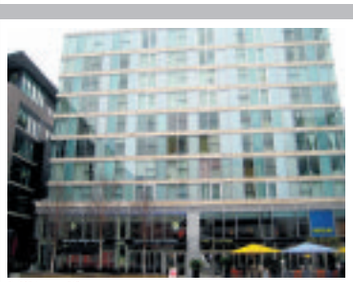

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Oldbrook £164,995
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- Popular Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Veiwing is Highly Recommended

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Two Mile Ash £110,000
- Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

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- Terrace Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

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Monkston **£145,000**

- Apartment
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Four piece Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Double glazing

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Walnut Tree **£50,000**

- 50% Shared Ownership
- Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Living Area
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

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Kents Hill **£315,000**

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- Off Road Parking

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Great Linford **£160,000**

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Wavendon **Guide Price £200,000**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Ensuite to Master

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Downs Barn **£230,000**

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Dining Room/Study
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway
- Garage
- Front Garden
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating

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Walton **£237,500**

- Three Bedrooms
- Three Storey
- Semi Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen

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Fishermead **OIEO £75,000**

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Close to Central MK
- Off Road Parking

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Blakelands **£350,000**

- Four Bedrooms Semi Detached
- Dining/Family Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ensuite
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Pennyland **£165,000**

- Fully refurbished
- Lounge
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Gardens & off road parking

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- Overlooking Park Land
- Separate Reception rooms
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- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway & enclosed rear Garden

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Old Farm Park **£180,000**
- Two double Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Garage
- Double glazing

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Walnut Tree **£40,000**
- 30% shared ownership
- £1000 fixtures & fittings
- Two double Bedroom
- Third floor Apartment
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Allocated parking space

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Oxley Park **£237,500**
- Four/Five Bedroom
- Three Storey
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Ensuite to Master
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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Westcroft **OIEO £240,000**
- Well presented
- Four double Bedrooms
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage

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Monkston Park **£165,000**
- Two double Bedroom
- Apartment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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Walnut Tree **£152,000**
- 80% shared ownership
- NO PREMIUM
- Three Bed Detached
- Enclosed rear Garden
- Off road parking
- Double glazing

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Shenley Church End **£425,000**
- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Utility room
- Study
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage

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Westcroft **£249,500**
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens & Garage
- Double glazing

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Caldecotte **£46,500**
- 30% shared ownership
- £2000 premium
- One Bedroom
- Executive Apartment
- Two Balconies
- Allocated parking

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Middleton **£380,000**
- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite & Dressing area
- Detached double Garage

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Shenley Lodge **£31,500**
- 30% shared ownership
- £4000 premium
- One double Bedroom
- Apartment
- Shower room
- Communal Garden & allocated parking

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Shenley Brook End **£275,000**
- Four Bed Detached
- Overlooking a meadow
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Separate Receptions
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway & Garage

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Middleton **£399,950**
- Four Bed Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Study, Utility & Cloakroom
- Galleried Landing
- Two Ensuites
- Double Garage

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Caldecotte **£215,000**
- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
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- Separate Recptions
- Double glazing
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- Off road parking
- Double glazing

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- End of Terrace
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- Lounge/Diner
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- Grade II listed Cottage
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- No upper chain
- Gas central heating

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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Separate Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

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Haversham **Guide £140,000**
- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Village location
- Separate Receptions
- Mature Gardens & Driveway
- No upper chain

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Stony Stratford **OIRO £120,000**
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- Ground floor Apartment
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- Close to the High St.
- Communal Gardens & parking
- Double glazing

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Stony Stratford **£147,500**
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- Study/Dining room
- No upper chain
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & rear Gardens
- Off road parking

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Greenleys **Guide £115,000**
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- Two double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Re-fitted KItchen
- Balcony
- Double glazing

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- Two double Bedrooms
- Ground floor Apartment
- Allocated parking
- 25ft Lounge/Diner
- Gas central heating

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- Exceptionally presented
- Five Bed Detached
- Countryside views
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Three reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master

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- Semi-detached
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- Garage
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- Conservatory
- Utility room
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- Wealth of Features
- Two Ensuites
- Viewing is a Must

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- Lounge. Family Room
- Mater Bedroom With En-Suite
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- Off Road Parking

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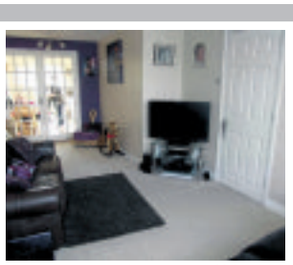

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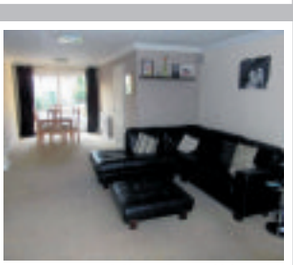

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OPEN PLAN FAMILY HOME £159,950
- Open plan quality fitted kitchen
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FAMILY SIZED NEW HOME £300,499
- 4 Bedroom family new home
- Family room off kitchen in addition to the dining room
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- Detached double garage and parking spaces
- Popular East Milton Keynes
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NEW!! £335,000
- Traditionally built 4 bed detached new home
- High specification through out
- Study, utility room, doors on to garden
- Solid wood work surfaces and integrated appliances
- Garage and off road parking for 2 cars
- Situated on the edge of Stony Stratford

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FAMILY HOME IN VILLAGE £275,000
- 4 bedroom detached new home
- Fantastic kitchen/family room with bay onto garden
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- Set in popular village with range of amenities
- Access to Olney, MK, Bedford, Northampton and
- Wellingborough

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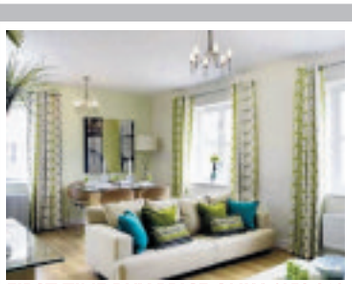

FIRST TIME BUY PRICE ONLY £159,960
- Rare 2 bed, 2 bathroom new home
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- Large lounge with patio doors to garden
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- 2 parking spaces
- Great location close to lake and nature reserve

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LUXURY LAKESIDE HOME £439,950
- 5 double bedroom detached new home
- Highest specification with integrated kitchen appliances
- Over 2040 sq ft of luxury accommodation
- Flooring included throughout
- Garage with parking
- Great access to Newport Pagnell and Wolverton

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NEW!! £319,995
- 4 Bedroom detached new home
- Kitchen/breakfast room and separate dining room
- Study and a large lounge
- 3 Double bedrooms and 1 single
- Garage plus 2 parking spaces
- Short walk to Willen Lake, close to M1 and Central MK

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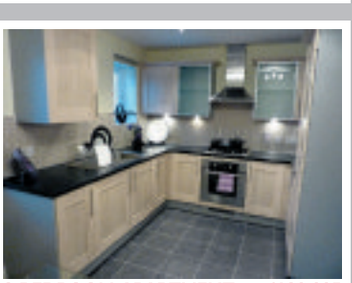

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT £129,995
- Brand new 2 bedroom apartment
- Individual designed and fitted kitchen
- Sleek and contemporary bathroom
- Large dining/living area
- Great value for money
- COME AND VIEW NOW!

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SET ON RIVERSIDE £224,995
- 3/4 Bedroom spacious new home
- Separate dining room and utility
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- Under croft carport for parking
- Set on a riverside development on the fringe of the city
- Ideally located just off the A5 trunk road

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- 3 Storey new terrace home
- Open plan 20' kitchen/dining area
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- Great location near a lake and nature reserve

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FIRST BUY APARTMENT! £127,495
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VILLAGE LOCATION! £239,950
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PUBLIC NOTICE £55,000

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Fishermead £120,000

Three bedrooms
Kitchen
Lounge/diner
Shower room
Rear garden

Ashland Guide £215,000

Three Bedrooms
Three Storey Town House
Popular Location
Master Ensuite
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking

Haversham OIEO £215,000

Three Bedroom
Semi-detached
Popular Village location
Downstairs Cloakroom
Driveway & Garage
Rear Garden

Bletchley OIEO £230,000

Extended detached property
Four bedrooms
Two reception rooms
Downstairs shower room
Garage and parking
Rear garden

Bradwell £235,000

Detached Bungalow
Popular location
Garage
2/3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Gas to radiator heating

North Furzton Guide £300,000

Detached family home
Four bedrooms
En suite to master
Separate receptions
Gardens to front and rear
Double garage

Wavendon Gate £320,000

Four Bed Detached
Double Glazing
Various Reception Rooms
Master Ensuite
Rear Garden
Double Garage

Great Holm £195,000

Three Bedrooms
Gas to Radiator Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
Garage
Off Road Parking

Shenley Lodge £340,000

Detached property
Four bedrooms
Study and lounge
Dining/family room
Kitchen/breakfast room
En suite

Stantonbury OIEO £120,000

Three bedroom property
Kitchen/diner
Lounge
Double glazing
Off road parking
Rear garden

Shenley Lodge OIEO £189,995

Semi-detached
Three bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen/diner
Re-fitted bathroom
Gardens and garage

Stantonbury OIEO £139,995

Semi detached home
Three bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Enclosed rear garden
Garage and parking

Oakridge Park OIEO £150,000

Two Bedrooms
Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen Area
Cloakroom
Roof Terrace
Gas to Radiator Heating
Double Glazing

Springfield £170,000

Four bedrooms
Garage and garden
Cloakroom
Off road Parking
Lounge
Fitted Kitchen/breakfast room

Monkston OIEO £295,000

Four Bedrooms
Detached Family Home
Fitted Kitchen & Utility
Ensuite to Master
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Newport Pagnell £112,500

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Haversham £250,000

NO UPPER CHAIN
Extended Semi Detached Four Bedroom
Lounge. Kitchen/Diner
Ensuite
Backing On To Fields
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Bozeat £165,000

Three Bedroom End of Terrace
Lounge/ Dining Room
Kitchen
Coal Shed Storage Barn / Utility Room
Family Bathroom
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Bozeat £150,000

Three Bedroom Property
Cul De Sac Location
Three Double Bedrooms
Double Glazing
Gas Central Heating
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Haversham £250,000

Three Bedroom Semi-detached
Lounge
Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
Dining Room
Driveway & Garage
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Newport Pagnell £250,000

Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
Cul-De-Sac Location
Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
Driveway & Garage
Front & Rear Garden
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Denton £170,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached
Walk-in Shower Room
Front and Rear Gardens
UPVC Double Glazing
Off Road Parking
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Irchester £110,000

Well Presented
Two Bedroom Victorian Terraced
Family Bathroom
Dining Room
Good Sized Rear Garden
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Newport Pagnell £200,000

Two/Three Bed Bungalow
Lounge
Dining/Bedroom Three
Detached Garage
Gardens & Parking
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New Bradwell £190,000

Three Bed End of Terrace
Conservatory
Downstairs Cloakroom
Re-fitted Family Bathroom
Large Wrap Around Garden. Large Driveway
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Olney £300,000

Detached Family Home
Four/Five Bedroom
Ensuite to Master

Conservatory
Garage. Off Road Parking
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Blakelands Guide Price £350,000

Four Bedroom Semi Detached
Dining/Family Room
Kitchen/Breakfast & Utility
Ensuite to Master
Viewing Recommended
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Redhouse Park £300,000

Four Bed Detached
Double Garage
Study,Cloakroom
En suite to Master
Front & Rear Gardens
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Westcroft £72,500

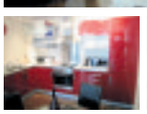
A superb 2 bedroom end of terrace bungalow available on a 50% shared ownership basis offered in good decorative order throughout and benefiting from gas CH, double glazing, undercover parking. NO PREMIUM

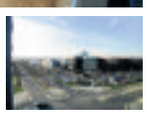
Eaton Mill £129,995

A deceptively spacious mid terrace property which benefits from a double storey extension to the rear to create Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, nice size rear garden,garage and parking. NO UPPER CHAIN

Great Holm
£210,000

A very well presented three bedroom detached family home offering two reception rooms plus a conservatory, kitchen, refitted cloakroom and bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, landscaped south facing rear garden, purpose built workshop/store, two garden sheds, off road parking for 6/7 cars and single garage.





Vizion
£210,000

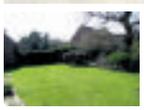
A very well presented two bedroom, two bathroom, 4th floor apartment in the sought after Vizion development with open plan living/ dining/ kitchen area, balcony, radiator heating, double glazing & secure parking, 24/ 7 concierge, lovely communal grounds, walking distance of station, shops, cafes, bars, supermarket. PLEASE NOTE VIEWINGS ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY BETWEEN 10AM & 4PM WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.

Browns Wood £230,000

Situated in the popular area of Browns Wood a detached family home with en suite to the master bedroom, 2 further bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, family bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, gardens to front and rear, off road parking and attached single garage.

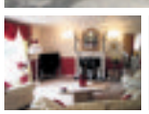
Crownhill £250,000

Extended and much improved detached home benefiting from gas heating, replacement double glazed windows and doors, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen, cloakroom, shower and bathrooms. 2 reception rooms, parking and garage.



Loughton
£270,000

In a highly favoured area within a short walk of the railway station for commuters, and close to very well regarded schools, a detached house on a generous established plot, comprising; Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, master bedroom with en suite facilities, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens. Flexibility available on completion date if required.



Barleyhurst
£297,500

A stunning, well apportioned detached bungalow in a quiet traffic free location benefiting from gas fired central heating to radiators, Double glazed windows and doors, generous well tended gardens, parking and garage whilst comprising, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge with opening to dining area, family room, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms and bathroom.

Bungalow
£335,000

Superbly situated along a Private Drive with just two other properties in the sought after area of SHENLEY CHURCH END, a spacious three bedroom bungalow with easily maintained attractive gardens. A pleasant feature of the property is the sunken lounge and dining room overlooking the garden, and generous forecourt parking for several cars with atached garage.

Loughton
£375,000

A deceptively spacious extended detached bungalow dating to the 1930s with later additions to form accommodation comprising Storm porch, entrance hall, lounge/ diner, family room, kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room providing private facilities to bedroom 1, lovely gardens to front and rear, off road parking for 3 cars and attached single garage.Additional benefits include gas fired heating, double glazing, prime location and being able to walk to Milton Keynes Central mainline rail station in under 10 minutes.

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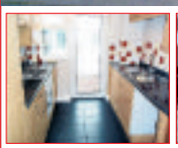
WOLVERTON MILL £220,000

NEW

- 4 bedrooms
- Link detached house
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Sealed unit double glazed windows
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Partly converted garage
- Off road parking

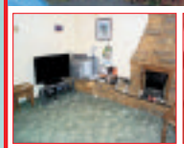
HANSLOPE £175,000

NEW



- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Re-fitted kitchen with appliances
- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted bathroom
- One & a half length garage
- Off road parking

BRADVILLE £160,000

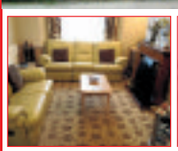


- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden backing onto the Green
- Single garage
- Off road parking

DEANSHANGER £247,500

- 4 bedroom semi detached
- En-suite to master bedroom
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Kitchen with built in oven & hob
- Gas to radiator heating
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- Off road parking & single garage

WOLVERTON £165,000



- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terrace
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge through dining room
- Upstairs shower room
- Downstairs bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens

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GREAT HOLM £290,000

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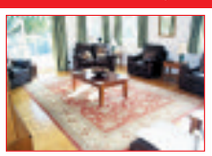
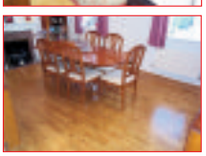
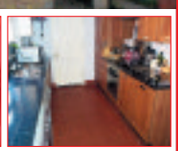




- 3 bedrooms
- Extended detached house
- Re-fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- En-suite to master bedroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Situated on a corner plot
- Gas to radiator heating
- Off road parking & garage

WOLVERTON £160,000



- 3 bed mid-terrace property
- Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating via replacement boiler
- Lounge through diner
- One and a half width garage

CMK £83,000

- Second floor studio flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Laminate flooring
- Separate kitchen
- Shower room
- Residents parking
- No upper chain

NEW BRADWELL £135,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Enclosed rear garden
- Original features
- No upper chain

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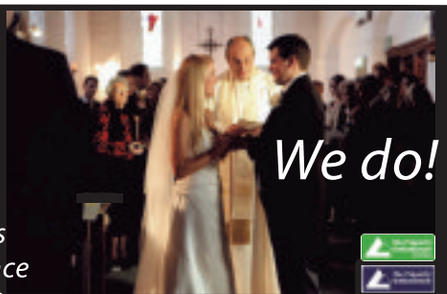

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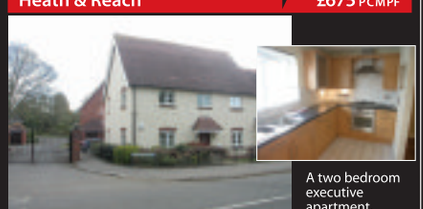

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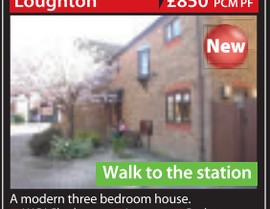

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Visits to the school are welcome by appointment.

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Visits to the school are welcomed, during the school day, please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

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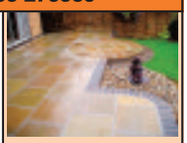

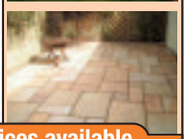

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, has, on the 28th March 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that length of Footpath Number 74, Wolverton that runs along the south-western edge of the Western Road Recreation Ground, Wolverton, adjacent to the housing development site, from a point where it meets the allotments and cemetery grounds to a point where it meets the redway adjacent to Raddiffe School, Wolverton.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary whilst works are carried out, namely construction works in connection with the Stratford Park Development. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from Friday 30th March 2012 until Saturday 29th September 2012, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be via a temporary footpath that will be constructed along the western edge of the Western Road recreation ground, adjacent to the existing Footpath 74, Wolverton.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The Order will come into operation on Friday 30th March 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 28th March 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET LONG STAY PAY AND DISPLAY, PAY BY MOBILE PHONE AND SPECIFIC PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4 April 2012 made the above Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 4 April 2012, affects some standard rate pay and display parking places and limited permit parking places within Central Milton Keynes. The effect of the Order is to introduce on a permanent basis the following restrictions, which took effect experimentally on 4 April 2011:-

The removal of 84 standard rate pay and display and limited permit parking places at Grafton Gate (west) located to the rear of the Bus Station between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

The introduction of 84 parking places which will include long stay pay and display parking places, pay by mobile phone parking places, commuter permit parking places and car share permit parking places at Grafton Gate (west) located to the rear of the Bus Station between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for Emergency Services vehicles and Military vehicles.

A copy of the Order as made including a map indicating the location and its effect, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be seen at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day and also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes during normal operating hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 28th March 2012
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES STANDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, in pursuance of their powers as Highway Authority under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, proposes to appoint 5 Hackney Carriage stands and revoke 3 Hackney Carriage stands at Station Square, Central Milton Keynes in order to improve safety and congestion on the roads within Station Square for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and to help improve the balance of vehicle movements between buses, taxis and motorists in the area, as follows:-

To appoint one Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square, the north-west vehicular access road, south-east side – from a point approximately 19.4 metres south-west of its junction with Elder Gate, continuing for a distance of approximately 17.4 metres in a south-westerly direction, with 3 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To appoint one Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square, the north-west vehicular access road, south-east side – from a point approximately 42.2 metres south-west of its junction with Elder Gate, continuing for a distance of approximately 32 metres in a south-westerly direction, with 5 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To appoint one Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square, north-west side – the third south-western-most vehicular accessway south-west of Elder Gate, north-east side – from its junction with the north-west vehicular access road, continuing for a distance of approximately 77.8 metres in a south-easterly direction, with 13 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To appoint one Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square, north-west side – the third south-western-most vehicular accessway south-west of Elder Gate, south-west side – from its junction with the north-west vehicular access road, continuing for a distance of approximately 59.8 metres in a south-easterly then south-westerly direction, with 20 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To appoint one Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square, north-west side – the fourth south-western most vehicular accessway south-west of Elder Gate, north-east side – from its junction with the north-west vehicular access road, continuing for a distance of approximately 59.7 metres in a south-easterly direction, with 10 Hackney Carriages being permitted to be at the stand at any given time.

To revoke 1 Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square (outside Central Milton Keynes Railway Station), south-west side – from a point approximately 5 metres north-west of the south-eastern most extremity of the carriageway north-westwards for a distance of approximately 84 metres (14 spaces).

To revoke 1 Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square (outside Central Milton Keynes Railway Station), south-east side – from a point approximately 2.5 metres north-east of the south-western most extremity of the carriageway north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 3 metres (3 spaces).

To revoke 1 Hackney Carriage Stand at Station Square (outside Central Milton Keynes Railway Station), north-east side of the north-eastern-most carriageway commencing approximately 17 metres south-east of the walkway between Midsummer Boulevard and Central Milton Keynes Railway Station south-easterly for a distance of approximately 61 metres (11 spaces).

Any objections or representations to any of the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 18 April 2012 quoting reference BAS-004937-1907.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 28th March 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO PARKING, TRAFFIC FLOW, DRIVING, WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS – STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make six Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to Station Square, Central Milton Keynes. The proposed Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will vary existing parking and movement restrictions and introduce new parking, waiting and movement restrictions, which will affect all motor vehicles. The proposed Orders will have the following effects within the roads or parts of the roads stated below:

- The introduction of a one way traffic flow system along both the First and Second Vehicular accessways within Station Square, permitting vehicles to travel only from the south-east vehicular access road adjacent to Elder House towards the north-west vehicular access road, adjacent to Phoenix House;
- The introduction of one way traffic flow systems around those parts of the Third and Fourth Vehicular accessways adjacent to Elder House and Phoenix House, Station Square, permitting vehicles to travel in a clockwise direction only;
- The relocation of the taxi ranks within Station Square to a point along the north-west vehicular access road and along that part of the Third and Fourth Vehicular accessways adjacent to Phoenix House;
- The relocation of all disabled persons parking places within Station Square to a point along the Fourth Vehicular accessway, immediately to the front of Milton Keynes Railway Station adjacent to Phoenix House;
- The relocation of all the moped and motorcycle parking bays within Station Square to a point along the south-east vehicular access road adjacent to Elder House and the Third and Fourth Vehicular accessways;
- The relocation of the loading and unloading only places within Station Square to a point along the south-east vehicular access road adjacent to Elder House and to a point along the north-west vehicular access road adjacent to Phoenix House;
- The introduction of free parking spaces limited to 30 minutes waiting with no return within 1 hour restrictions in Station Square along that end of the carriageway that links the Fourth and Third Vehicular accessways adjacent to the entrance to Milton Keynes Railway Station and Elder House;
- The introduction of free parking spaces limited to 1 hour waiting with no return within 1 hour restrictions in Station Square along the southern side of the Third Vehicular accessway and the northern side of the Fourth Vehicular accessway adjacent to Milton Keynes Railway Station and Elder House;
- The introduction of a prohibition of driving for all vehicles except buses restriction within Station Square along the whole lengths of the First and Second Vehicular accessways.
- The removal of Long Stay and Premium rate pay and display parking spaces from Station Square.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the proposed Orders. Exemptions from some of these proposals include: emergency services vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of each of the proposed Orders, maps showing the affected roads, Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any representations about or objections to the proposals, together with grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Milton Keynes Council, PO Box 111, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **to be received** no later than 21st April 2012 quoting reference P&E/4936/TRO/1906/BAS/WL.

Titles of the Proposed Orders

1. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (LOADING ONLY PLACES) ORDER 2012
2. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET FREE AND LIMITED PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012
3. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012
4. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING EXCEPT BUSES) ORDER 2012
5. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET SPECIFIC AND PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012
6. THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) REVOCATION ORDER 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 28th March 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00472/FUL Internal alterations and new shop fronts at 24-25 Stratford Road, Wolverton.

12/00535/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Pear tree (T1) at The Sticks, Hardmead Road, Newton Blossomville.

12/00551/FUL Alteration of position of front door and window at 33 High Street, Stony Stratford.

AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00571/TCA Notification of intention to crown lift by 2.5m and thin crown by 25% one Rowan tree at Cherry Tree Cottage, High Street, Weston Underwood.

12/00578/TCA Notification of intention to remove Leyland Cypress hedge at 5 Field Close, Sherington.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00463/LBC Insertion of opening and steps through existing gable wall, infilling of existing covered area and internal alterations at 32 St John Street, Newport Pagnell.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR**

12/00534/FUL Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation for a further three years on planning application 07/02088/FUL for erection of church/ community centre and associated facilities including new vehicular accesses onto Wallinger Drive and Manifold Lane, parking and delivery area, cycle parking and landscaping at Community Centre, Manifold Lane, Shenley Brook End.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR**

08/01058/MKPCR **AFFECTING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**
Reserved matters application for primary infrastructure works, including roads, footways, cycle-ways, on-street parking, drainage, attenuation areas, services, utilities and ecological mitigation works (amended plans) at Area 11, Western Expansion Area, land to the west of Watling Street (V4) and north of Calverton Lane, Milton Keynes.

Sheila Keene
Head of Strategic Policy and Planning Homes and Communities Agency

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

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NEWPORT Pagnell Town claimed a 2-1 away win at Northampton Spencer in the UCL Premier thanks to strikes from Sean McBride and Dave Baker, but Stony Stratford Town went down 4-3 to Bedford in the South Midlands Division One.

In the Premier Division of the New City Heating MK Sunday League, Stony Stratford closed the gap at the top to one point with a 3-1 win against Kings Arms and still have three games in hand over leaders Willen.

Stantonbury Social A and Trade 2U shared the spoils with 1-1 draw and in Division One Punjab Utd beat FC MIIX 3-2 and New City Saints beat Stacey Bushes 5-1.

Stantonbury Social B went through to the next round of the Bill Johnson Supplementary Cup after beating AFC Santander on penalties after the game ended 3-3.

Joining them are Stoke Hammond who beat Buckingham Utd 6-1 and Open University who were awarded their game against Stantonbury The Manor.

BASEBALL

MK BUCKS Baseball Club began preparations for the 2012 season and the defence of their AA Midlands title by playing their first game in the pre-season Herts Spring League tournament in Hemel Hempstead.

And they recorded their first win of the year with a 7-4 victory over Essex Arrows.

Coach Ernie Ayala had 20 players available for the game which started off as a tight contest with Bucks edging it 4-3.

Newcomer Adam Bee came to the plate to hit a two RBI double and he subsequently scored himself to take the score to 7-3.

Arrows managed one more run until new team GB U23 recruit and Bucks 2011 MVP Chris White took to the mound to comfortably close out the game.

Next Sunday sees the Bucks back in Hemel Hempstead to face Cambridge Royals, with the season opener set for April 22 when Birmingham Maple Leafs visit Woughton on the Green.

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ATHLETICS

KAYLEIGH Presswell (F20) added almost two metres to her hammer personal best to break the MK Athletic club record.

She managed a distance of 48.06m at the Cambridge Open Throws Meeting on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Open University handicap 5km race was won by Margaret Swithenby and Newham and Essex Beagles (men) and Aldershot Farnham and District (women) retained their titles at the South of England men's 12-stage and women's six-stage road relay championships at Stantonbury.

BADMINTON

CITY based mixed-doubles pairing Nathan Robertson and Jenny Wallwork triumphed at the Polish Open in Wroclaw.

The duo saw off fellow Britons Ben Stawski and Lauren Smith 21-15, 21-11 in the final but still face a battle to claim GB's mixed doubles berth at the London Olympics.

They face competition from the Anglo-Scottish pair of Chris Adcock and Imogen Bankier, who beat Robertson and Wallwork at the Swiss Open this month.

Selection will be determined by the world rankings with Adcock and Bankier, who are 12th, currently sitting ten places ahead of their compatriots.

SKIING

CITY skiier Matthew Thompson took home the British junior downhill title at the Delancey British National Alpine Ski Championships in Meribel.

The 19-year-old clocked a time of 1.49.59 to win the Sunfold Cup in near pefect conditions – on the same course used for the 1992 Winter Olympics.

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by Carlisle skipper Danny Livesey who bundled the striker to the ground near to the halfway line.

The Dons man looked to have a clear route to goal but Livesey escaped with a just a caution and the game remained scoreless at the break.

Into the second half and Dons were desperately close to the opening goal just seconds after the restart.

MacDonald again evaded an offside flag to get in behind out wide and he dragged the ball back to the edge of the box for a waiting Powell.

The winger looked set to smash the ball home but his effort lacked the required firepower and eventually made its way past Collin via Chadwick.

Carlisle hacked the ball away from the line but assistant official Ryan Atkin failed to flag for a goal despite strong claims that it had already crossed.

Dons continued to put the Cumbrians under pressure though and Dean Bowditch's curler was only inches wide of the target.

Powell was then close to catching Collin out at his near post with a daisy-cutter the keeper only just managed to turn wide.

Robinson's side had been dominant since the second started and Bowditch came close again when he headed Stephen Gleeson's beautifully weighted ball past an on-rushing Collin. The keeper was again beaten but Livesey was on hand to clear the danger and Carlisle survived.

Another Bowditch drive zipped over before Robinson made an attacking change by replacing fullback Doumbe with winger Jay O'Shea.

The Irishman was instantly involved with a darting run which was halted right on the edge of the area by Peter Murphy.

O'Shea took the free-kick himself and the net rippled as his strike was driven inches off target.

Carlisle were being backed by nearly 600 travelling fans – who took advantage of free tickets and travel after the 11th hour postponement of the original fixture – and they thought they would have something to celebrate when their side were awarded a 73rd minute penalty.

Jabo Ibehre, another Dons substitute, handled in the box but Dons were let off the hook as Liam Miller ballooned a horrible penalty into the stands.

The miss kick-started a frantic few minutes of play which started when Bowditch put the ball into the net – only to see his effort ruled out for offside.

Dons were frustrated but Bowditch made another important contribution just minutes later and this time the resulting goal did stand.

The club's top-scorer embarked on a strong run down the flank and after cutting inside, he was dragged back by Murphy.

Referee Mark Heywood awarded his second spot-kick of the night which Williams cooly tucked away into the top left corner to give Dons the lead.

It was a deserved goal after the second half showing but the celebrations were short-lived as the visitors hit back almost instantly.

Cook, a Carlisle replacement for Francois Zoko, suddenly found himself in an ocean of space and he calmly slotted a finish past Martin to square the game.

And only the third home Dons defeat of the season was secured when Flanagan fouled Cook on the edge of the box, who then stepped up to slam home the spot kick himself.

Dons: Martin, Lewington, Doumbe (O'Shea 67), Gleeson, Potter, Bowditch, MacDonald (Ibehre 68), Williams, Flanagan, Powell, Chadwick (Smith 74). Unused subs: McLoughlin, Ibehre, Hall.

Carlisle: Collin, Simek, McGovern, Livesey, Murphy, Taiwo (Welsh 57), Zoko (Cook 57), Miller, Noble, Berrett, Chantler. Unused subs: Gillespie, Madden, Michalik.

Att: 8,608

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I SAW some old faces on my return to Wycombe Wanderers but all I wanted to do was win the game.

We were all determined to try and stay in the race for second place and we were seconds away from the win.

It was a really bad end to the game for us, to be honest it felt like we'd lost and for them it felt like they'd won it. To lose a goal after being in control, missing a penalty and having some good chances was disappointing.

At 1-0 I think we should have gone on to win and to be a really good side we've got to go and finish teams off.

Both Karl and myself were very disappointed but we felt that Marvin McCoy should have been sent off when he fouled Alan Smith for the penalty.

It's all up to the referee. He gave us the penalty which we should be pleased about, but it's obvious that he's the last man as everyone else is behind him and he's straight in front of goal.

We don't want to see players getting sent off but it might have changed the game.

There are a few lads who are capable of taking spot kicks at any given time, and Jay O'Shea took it as he has been scoring goals of late.

The team has practiced penalties as we've missed two or three now. It's important to practice when you have something to improve, but it's never the same as taking one on the pitch.

This week it was an honour to receive a trophy for being selected into Carlisle United's 'Team of the Century' on behalf of the Carlisle Supporters Trust.

The trophy was in fact made eight years ago but this has been the first best opportunity for the presentation.

Helen Ross, who is the wife of the late keeper Alan Ross, who I played with, presented it to me.

REMAINING FIXTURES 2011/12

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APR 28 ROCHDALE (A)
MAY 5 WALSALL (H)

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
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2	Sheffield Wed	39	13	4	2	39	18	9	4	7	28	27	22	74
3	Sheffield Utd	38	13	3	3	43	22	9	4	6	30	19	32	73
4	Huddersfield	38	12	6	2	32	17	6	11	1	39	21	33	71
5	MK Dons	39	10	6	3	40	19	8	7	5	33	23	31	67
6	Carlisle	38	10	6	3	35	27	6	7	6	21	30	-1	61
7	Stevenage	38	7	8	3	28	20	7	8	5	25	16	17	58
8	Notts County	39	10	5	4	32	23	6	4	10	26	31	4	57
9	Brentford	38	8	5	6	30	22	6	6	7	21	23	6	53
10	Colchester	39	7	9	4	32	29	5	7	7	19	23	-1	52
11	Hartlepool	39	5	5	9	18	18	8	6	6	25	28	-3	50
12	Bournemouth	39	7	3	9	19	22	6	7	7	23	25	-5	49
13	Tranmere Rov	39	8	9	3	22	14	4	3	12	19	28	-1	48
14	Oldham Ath	38	8	4	8	23	23	5	5	8	22	32	-10	48
15	Preston NE	39	6	7	7	26	32	6	4	9	22	28	-12	47
16	Yeovil Town	39	8	3	9	28	32	4	7	8	22	32	-14	46
17	Leyton Orient	38	5	5	9	18	25	7	5	7	23	31	-15	46
18	Scunthorpe	39	4	9	7	26	29	4	10	5	22	23	-4	43
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23	Exeter City	39	6	6	7	21	24	2	4	14	12	38	-29	34
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TOURING CARS

WORLD Touring Cars driver James Nash returns to the track this weekend for the Race of Spain in Valencia – and a top-ten points finish is the target.

The Newport Pagnell man finished both races at the season opener in Italy a fortnight ago but he had to settle for spots outside of the points after a first corner crash scuppered his chances.

Nash is in a confident mood though and believes that his Ford Focus will increase in speed as the development programme for the car gathers pace.

"While a top ten grid and race finish was the aim before Italy, and will be again in Valencia, I couldn't be too disappointed with our performance," the Team Aon driver said.

"We had the usual new car teething issues which you expect but what did set us back was destroying much of the front bodywork when I got pushed into somebody else's accident at the first corner.

"The car ran well considering that both it and the team are brand new to the WTCC this season and our pace, particularly in the race morning warm-up when we ran comfortably inside the top ten, was very encouraging.

"We will have data for Valencia having tested there a few weeks ago so I'm confident that we'll achieve our top ten target in Spain."

RUGBY UNION

Windsor 8 Milton Keynes 16

CITY'S promotion ambitions were given a massive boost with a vital away win.

With Beaconsfield well out in front in the Southern Counties North, both MK and Windsor are aiming for second spot which earns a promotion play-off.

MK currently hold the coveted place and this win increases their lead over third-placed Windsor to a useful five points.

Both sides exchanged penalties before Dan Rolfe powered through to score the first try of the afternoon for MK.

The visitors then took advantage of a Windsor sin-binning with Steve Christie steering a maul over the line and Ashley Hill crashing to the ground with ball in hand to score.

Phil Powell's boot extended the lead to 16-3, before Windsor scored a try in the corner.

During ten extra minutes a fantastic chase and tackle by Rolfe stopped Windsor from scoring again and claiming a valuable losing bonus point.

Reading Abbey 23 Bletchley 14

BLETCHLEY led this game going into the final quarter of the match but eventually fell to defeat.

A Keith Wilkinson try gave Abbey the lead but both Simon Pitfield and Tom Hannell found the try line for Bletchley who led 14-13 after two home penalties.

Another Abbey penalty restored the hosts' lead after Bletchley were made a man light thanks to George Harman's yellow-card.

Tom Waterhouse then touched down to make the game safe for Abbey and Bletchley were later reduced to 13 men after Brett Staniford saw yellow.

•Olney had to withdraw from their fixture against Cheltenham as they could not field a front row.

SWIMMING

THE City of Milton Keynes swimming club finished strongly at this year's Oxon and North Bucks county championships.

In the 4x100m men's medley, team CMK won against a strong field in a close race and in the women's 4x100m freestyle the CMK A team set a new county record with the B team coming second.

CMK were beaten into second place in the 4x50m relay but they won the junior event over the same distance, taking ten of the 14 relay championship events in total.

New county champions have also been crowned in the form of Joss Ulyett (100IM, 50BR, 200BR, 100FL) Charlotte Evans (100BK) Emma Joyce (200FL) Isobel Jones (200FR* county record) Rebecca Marshall (50FR) Chris Forshaw (100BK jnr) and Courtney Dos Santos (200IM jnr).

Jason Ashley, 10, Oliver Lines, 13 and Sydney Wood, 10, claimed BAGCAT awards for age group swimmers' overall performance, and a team of 40 will now prepare for the regional championships.

SAILING

A SIMPLE trip around Willen Lake began the career of young sailor Alistair Goodwin who is now dreaming of competing at an Olympics.

For more on the city's highly rated sailing prospect, visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

FORMULA ONE

'Idiot' driver leaves champion seething

A FUMING Sebastian Vettel could not keep a lid on his frustrations after a collision cost him dearly at Sunday's rain-soaked grand prix in Malaysia.

The defending F1 World Champion was chasing down third-placed Lewis Hamilton with ten laps remaining in Sepang when he crashed into backmarker Narain Karthikeyan.

It left the German's car with a puncture and as a result he could only finish out of the points in 11th.

Red Bull Racing were left incensed and Vettel did not mince his words afterwards, calling Indian HRT driver Karthikeyan an 'idiot'.

The Tilbrook outfit are convinced that as a lapped car, the HRT should have made way for Vettel but the Indian has insisted that the collision could not have been stopped.

Vettel said: "Like on normal roads, you have some idiots driving around. It seems there is also one driving here."

The incident summed up a frustrating weekend for the Red Bulls, with Vettel – so dominant last season – only qualifying in fifth position.

His team-mate Mark Webber started fourth and came home in fourth as Ferrari's Fernando Alonso grabbed victory ahead of Sauber's Sergio Perez and the McLaren of Hamilton.

Torrential rain halted the action after just six laps and Alonso then drove superbly to claim the win ahead of the Sauber in a race where pit stops and tyre selections proved to be key. Vettel suffered another headache when radio contact to his car failed.

Sebastian Vettel at the rain-hit race in Sepang.

He said: "We did our maximum today and got up to fourth. To then lose the race how I did is very frustrating.

"Some people need to look more where they are going.

"Most crucially we lost radio communication and that makes it very difficult in these conditions to know what's going on."

The team will now focus their attentions on the Chinese Grand Prix on April 15.

Team Principal Christian Horner said: "Sebastian came up to the HRT who hit him and caused a puncture.

"The incident caused damage to the rear brake duct so we wanted to stop the car before the end from a safety point of view.

"Seb didn't hear us on the radio and continued and thankfully his car got to the end without failing, but the incident cost Sebastian at least a fourth place finish."

Webber added: "We know there will be more opportunities in the future. It was a mixed-up race and it was good to get points."

ICE HOCKEY

Jets double before play-offs begin

Lightning 4 Peterborough 1
Bracknell 4 Lightning 3

LIGHTNING captain Adam Carr has said that the final weekend of the regular season is a 'massive one' for the city skaters as they prepare for the end-of-season play-offs.

A home and away double against Slough Jets is on the agenda and the games could turn out to be a dress rehearsal.

The Berkshire club, currently fourth in the English Premier League table, are likely play-off opponents for fifth place Lightning, with the top eight teams contesting the knock-out phase of the season in all.

But two wins for the city side would see them leap-frog Slough in the standings, which would provide a key advantage as the higher placed side is able to choose the order of their quarter-final games.

"It's a huge weekend for us," Carr, *pictured,* said.

"Not just because it could have a big impact on where we finish in the league, but because it's the last games before the play-offs, so it's important we're ready mentally and physically.

"We want to be hitting form going into the quarter-finals.

"The top half of the table is incredibly close, and because the higher-placed of each pair gets to choose the order of their quarter-final games, literally every point this weekend is vital.

"Of course we'll be looking to win both games, but we do that every time we step onto the ice.

"There's a good chance we'll play Slough in the quarter-finals, so this weekend is important for us to see how we are against them, and how we want to play against them if we meet them again next weekend."

The four winners from the two-leg quarter finals advance to the Coventry Skydome to compete for the play-off trophy – which is Lightning's last chance of silverware this term.

Carr said the team realised the importance of avoiding slip-ups at this extremely crucial stage of the season.

"We need to make sure we're doing all the little things right and not making mistakes because its so important that we're completely switched on and focused, to make sure we get to Coventry," he said.

This Saturday saw Lightning see off local rivals Peterborough Phantoms 4-1 at Planet Ice, before a 4-3 overtime defeat at Bracknell Bees on Sunday.

For more on these games visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

HOCKEY

Seven-up semi win

MK LADIES 1sts bulldozed past Durham City 7-1 to reach the final of the Investec England Hockey Women's Vase.

A large crowd at Woughton on the Green on Sunday saw home skipper Sophie Reynolds turn home from a penalty corner to set the ball rolling after just three minutes.

Durham benefited from a slack pass to draw level but a second strike from the captain restored MK's lead in the semi.

The city side dominated the second half and grabbed a third when Lou Reynolds volleyed a bouncing ball home, before Reynolds completed her fourth hat -trick of the Vase with a reverse stick strike.

A ruthless MK then grabbed three goals in the last ten minutes of the game thanks to Gemma Meredith, an unstoppable strike from Karmel Bracken and finally a penalty corner deflection from Ellie Walsh.

It is the first time MK have reached the final, which will be against Oxted 1sts on April 14, at Reading Hockey Club.

The team had already beaten Aylesbury 4-2 in a league game on Saturday, while the Men's 1sts lost 4-1 to Chichester and 5-1 to Eastbourne in their double header.

The Men's 2nds and Ladies' 2nds beat Wokingham 4-3 and 7-1 respectively.

BASKETBALL

Riders tame Lions

Leicester Riders 88 Lions 71

LIONS were unable to give themselves extra breathing space in the battle for the British Basketball League play-offs as they went down to fierce rivals Leicester.

Mike New's side are still clinging on in eighth – the last play-off spot – but nearest challengers Mersey Tigers are now level on points having played two games more.

Turnovers proved crucial at Leicester on Saturday as Riders led for the entire contest after two Carl Josey three pointers resulted in a 10-6 lead for Lions early on.

Leicester bursts saw the hosts lead 29-18 at the end of the first quarter, an advantage they gleefully extended to 38-20 during the second quarter.

Lions did battle back well to reduce the deficit to just 46-37 at half-time and they further trimmed the gap to seven in the third quarter before the home side went on a decisive and game-winning run.

They finished the third with a 10-2 streak and Lions couldn't overturn the lead in the fourth as Leicester ran out comfortable winners.

New's men must now regroup for a tough trip to BBL leaders Newcastle Eagles on Monday night.

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Wembley trip now Robinson's focus

DONS boss Karl Robinson is targeting play-off glory at the home of football after admitting for the first time that automatic promotion will be a tough ask.

A stoppage time header by Wycombe's Stuart Beavon claimed a 1-1 draw for the Chairboys in the Buckinghamshire derby on Saturday – a match which was Robinson's 100th in charge.

The Adams Park draw saw Dons lose ground in the race for automatic promotion as rivals Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday both picked up victories.

As a result Robinson now sees a play-off final victory at Wembley as the most likely route to the Championship.

He said: "That's our goal now. We are pitching Wembley and we are pitching that final.

"If you were guaranteed success it's the way you would want it to happen, at Wembley in front of a bumper crowd of 60 to 70,000 people.

"Finishing second is now a distant hope and we've got to cement ourselves in the play-offs."

Dons enjoy a healthy lead over the sides outside of the play-off mix so will compete in the end-of-season games barring a disastrous end to the campaign.

But the stadiummk outfit will feel that they should have beaten Hartlepool, Yeovil, Chesterfield and Wycombe in recent weeks, which would have crucially added an extra nine points to the tally.

Chances have gone begging at key times and on Saturday Dons, and not for the first time this season, had reason to feel aggrieved at the referee.

Dons earned a penalty when Marvin McCoy bundled over Alan Smith, and the Wycombe man was lucky not to see red.

Jay O'Shea's spot-kick was saved and Robinson was later unhappy with a free-kick ref Jock Waugh awarded in the build-up to Beavon's equaliser.

The boss has promised to take the matter as far as he can but a more pleasing factor was the contribution of over 1000 travelling supporters.

A much vaster army of fans would follow Dons to Wembley and dreams of such an occasion are difficult to suppress.

"Our fans out-sang Wycombe's and it felt like a home game," Robinson said. "That's the best I've heard them."

PENALTY PAIN: Jordan Cook fires in late on to win it for Carlisle Picture: Andy Handley

Cook spot-kick burns Dons' dreams of a top two finish

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DONS 1 CARLISLE 2

CARLISLE substitute Jordan Cook bagged a deadly double in the final ten minutes to down Dons in last night's all top-six clash.

Karl Robinson's side thought they had done enough to win when Shaun Williams buried an 80th minute penalty, but Cook struck back with a calm finish and a spot-kick of his own to send the points back to Cumbria.

It's a result which all but ends Dons' chances of automatic promotion, with the play-offs now seemingly the only route to the Championship.

Liam Miller had earlier spurned another Carlisle penalty during an exciting contest at *stadiummk* between two of League One's high-flyers.

Both sides demonstrated a willingness to attack in the opening stages and Luke Chadwick warmed the gloves of Carlisle keeper Adam Collin with a low long-ranger which was straight down the stopper's throat.

A more clear-cut opening arrived shortly after the ten minute mark though when Mathias Doumbe found himself free in the box after a lovely one-two with Daniel Powell.

The Frenchman had ample time but his finish lacked composure and flew off target.

Charlie MacDonald was next to go close for Dons after the striker latched on to a Chadwick through-ball which dissected the visiting defence.

MacDonald angled a shot towards goal but Collin was quick to react to the danger and he was able to block.

At the other end, a weak clearance by home keeper David Martin was intercepted by former Don Jon-Paul McGovern, who drilled a bullet of a pass across the box which would have flown in with any sort of touch towards goal.

Peter Murphy's free-kick then deflected off the wall and spun narrowly wide with a stranded Martin flat-footed.

It was an entertaining opening half an hour as both sides were finding space to play and were looking to get forward at every opportunity, but it was Dons who had the majority of possession.

There was a flashpoint after 37 minutes when MacDonald's attempt to race onto a long pass was halted

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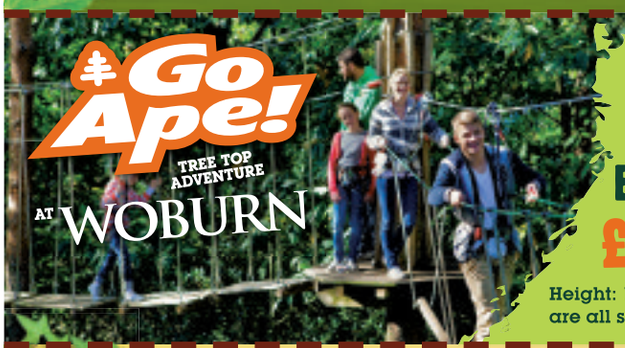

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